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Presidential Address

To the 146th International Convention of the Theosophical Society
Online from 27 to 30 December 2021

GREETINGS friends! I would like to welcome you all to this opening of the 146th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society (TS). It is a very good thing to be together in this virtual manner once again.

Many of you will know that 2020 was a historic year for the TS in that it was the first *ever* fully virtual Convention of the TS in, at that time, its 145-year history. Conditions did not permit for a physical gathering even though during the courses of World Wars we somehow managed to have a physical gathering. But last year was different, it was historic!

When the history books of the future are written, 2020 will be a very exceptional year for humanity, and for human history, a watershed year, a tipping point. There are a lot of ways that we can describe it; there are many perspectives on it; but it is very clear that during that year something profound changed. There are many ways to interpret it, but from an Ageless Wisdom perspective, or even just from a level of a keen sort of observation, it is clear that there was something new. Through this pandemic that we are still experiencing, a global recognition was forced upon us of our interdependence without regard for financial status, educational level, race, caste, religion, sex, or color.

No one stood outside of this shared human experience of a pandemic. Of course, it was largely a fear-based recognition for the safety of our loved ones and of ourselves — but it was recognized. Alongside of this particular global recognition issue, it seems as if there has been another rising recognition of a global sense of human responsibility for a planet that is simultaneously drowning and burning, resulting from the effects of human choices, human-induced environmental conditions over a period of time.

Now we are seeing what could be called “predictable”, but dire, consequences or effects on the environment. There is a recognition that in spite of our past behaviors humanity does not stand outside of Nature. We are not separate from it, above it, or immune to the natural world. This is a dawning recognition, again, imposed upon us by the effects of global patterns that we are witnessing of weather shifting, and the models that have been developed to track their potential results. This is something new. The isolation, or separation, that we have fostered in our behaviors as nations and as individuals are at least coming into question. It is a very important moment of how we, as a human family, will respond — that remains to be seen.

Sometimes, as individuals, the slightest glimpse of a truth is life-changing, direction-changing. But sometimes the sense is that the demands of truth, having seen

something that is too demanding, make people respond differently, and then maybe distract themselves from what they have seen. In the words of T. S. Eliot: "We are distracted from distraction by distraction." So these are some of the possibilities.

H. P. Blavatsky (HPB), one of the Founders of the Theosophical Society, made an important statement in discussing the power of truth. She said: "There is no more fatal fallacy than 'The truth will prevail by its own force. It has only to be seen to be embraced.'" The fact, as she presented it, is that "The desire for truth exists in very few minds, and the capacity to discern it in fewer still." If one believes that this is a correct analysis, it means that for us members of the TS who believe in the motto of the Society that "there is no Dharma [or religion, or any system of thought] higher than Truth", there is a role for anyone among us who feels that there is value in seeking truth.

This is because it places a certain responsibility on us not only to seek for truth, but when some realization of the nature of a truth, or of truth comes to us, also to suffer it, to respond to its demands, and not go back to sleep. This is a serious need in the world and it is a duty for those who are so inclined.

From the perspective of this year's Convention and its theme, the role for us is to live more fully, to live in the now, to learn, to see, and to accept the challenges of the inner life. With that as a prelude, at this time I would like to request you all to rise while I pronounce the traditional invocation to the Great Ones for beginning this Convention:

**May those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal
bless with their help and guidance this Society,
founded to be a channel for their work.
May They inspire it with their Wisdom, strengthen it
with their Power, and energize it with their activity.**

At this point I declare this 146th Annual Convention
of the Theosophical Society open.

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In Europe, the 3 Lodges of the Theosophical Society (TS) in Austria offered weekly lectures throughout the year. Study subjects were based on classical theosophical teachings and related subjects. Lectures were regularly placed on their website. In August some members attended the summer school of the

German TS (Hartmann group). They also received the tri-annual magazine, *Adyar*, from the German Section of the TS. In March 2021, the annual meeting was held and the executive committee was elected. The incumbent Organizing Secretary, Mr Albert Schichl, was re-elected.

The National President of the English

Section, Mrs Jenny Baker, reports that the work of the Section and the TS in **Wales** was conducted online due to Covid-19-related restrictions. The Sunday evening lectures dealt with theosophical and related subjects, including "Theosophy and Archetypes", "A Secret History of Consciousness", "Living Theosophy", and "Journey of Self-transformation", by home-grown as well as international speakers. Talks and study groups were online until recently, when physical meetings were permitted, to the relief of members who missed the warmth of personal contact. All classical theosophical books were studied as well as the Kabbalah. The White Lotus Group for unattached members ran a series of talks during the year. There has been an increase of interest in the Section's website, and YouTube and Facebook pages. Two online Diplomas in Theosophical Studies continue with global participants. A higher diploma is planned for next year. Lodge and Centre officers met online, three times a year. A monthly newsletter was also sent out. A biannual magazine, *Esoterica*, went to all members and public bodies and institutes.

A recent survey of the members indicated that most came to the Society via family or friends, and they valued the Society for the theosophical teachings, its freedom of thought, and being able to be with like-minded people. Their greatest interests were the spiritual quest, Theosophy, and esoteric philosophy. The majority preferred physical meetings to virtual ones.

In **Belgium** some groups restarted meetings online whereas some had none till September, when physical meetings could start again. The online meetings were helpful for participants from other countries speaking Dutch and French. A new website, <ts-belgium.be>, was launched in August, and a Dutch translation of *The Miracle of Birth* by Geoffrey Hodson was published. The annual general meeting was held online in June. The stained glass project continues. The loss of three long-standing members contributed significantly to the fall in membership.

The **Finnish** Section has 19 Lodges and a study centre. In September the annual general meeting was held peacefully in Helsinki after a delay due to the pandemic. The main event of the year was the Summer School in July in Kreivilä, with the theme "Yama and Niyama the Ethical Basis of the Spiritual Path". Another event in Kreivilä was a course on "Music the Great Medicine of Humankind". In **Estonia** the local lodges arranged the Estonian Summer School with the theme "Daily Life within a Changing World". They also had a winter seminar in Tartu in January and an autumn study camp in Aegvidu in August. Other activities continued mostly online: regular Lodge studies, public lectures, seminars, and courses around the country. *The Evolution of the Higher Consciousness* by Pablo Sender was translated into Finnish and 300 copies were published.

Activities in the **French** Section were diversified and enlarged. All activities

took place online. Monthly public lectures by French-speaking speakers from Europe and further were much appreciated. Bi-monthly courses and meditation sessions attracted a core of interested participants. A new online study group on the Mahatma Letters was created together with the Belgian Section. Another one, dedicated especially to new members, on fundamental theosophical ideas, was launched in autumn 2021 with the idea of eventually developing it into an online Lodge. The national convention took place in July. The Section's general online presence has grown, including Facebook, YouTube, and weekly e-newsletters. This has allowed more audience from several French-speaking countries to take part in the programmes and to attract new members. Although the bookshop was closed, clients were able to order books online, by phone, or by post. The library, also closed, yet received occasional visits from readers. The monthly magazine, *Le Lotus Bleu*, was published both in electronic and hard-copy form.

The **German** Section has seven Lodges and three study centres. The Northern and Southern German Autumn Meetings in 2020 were allowed to take place despite Covid-19, and members were happy to meet again. However the Spring Meeting had to be cancelled again. The main event was the Summer School in July, and the General Assembly with elections. Summer School was online, modeled on the international convention, and was good training for the 2021 online

Convention in December. The book, *The Silent Way*, by Wellesley Tudor Pole, was gifted to members for home studies. The magazine, *Adyar*, continues to be published thrice yearly.

There are eight Lodges and one study centre in the **Greek** Section. Since November 2020 joint Lodge meetings and lectures were conducted online. A dozen meetings took place with an average attendance of 30 members. A study group on *The Secret Doctrine* also had online meetings. Foundation Day, White Lotus Day, and Adyar Day were also celebrated online. The Annie Besant and C.W. Leadbeater book, *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, vol. II (commentary on *Light on the Path*) was translated and published in Greek, and vol. III (commentary on *The Voice of the Silence*) is being proofread. The magazine, *ILISOS*, was published every three months.

Due to the passing away of János Szabari, the former Presidential Representative of the TS in **Hungary**, an extraordinary general assembly meeting was held to elect his successor. A regular meeting was conducted in the autumn. The one Lodge has about 2/3 of the 29 members and the rest are unattached. A member has started promoting Theosophy in neighboring Slovakia. All 14 public lectures were given online. White Lotus Day was also celebrated this way. A YouTube channel, "The Hidden Side of Our World", was maintained with over 100 videos and 2,000 registered viewers. Addition of more videos is in progress. Publicity for programs and events is

done through Facebook. The translation of *At the Feet of the Master* was published and John Sell's *Practical Spirituality* is planned to be published next year. Two new books published were H. P. Blavatsky's *The Key to Theosophy* and Vic Hao Chin's *The Process of Self-Transformation*. A total of 37 theosophical books are available in Hungarian. A new website has been set up with 170 downloadable translations of theosophical literature.

The Summer School in **Iceland** could not be held this year again and only a limited number of public meetings, Friday lectures, and Saturday meditation meetings could be held. The attendance was restricted to 20 people. The annual theosophical journal, *Gangleri*, is published with 160 pages and 350 subscribers and with the front cover having a Nicolas Roerich painting. The bookshop and library with over 5,000 titles are open just before the Friday lectures. The website <www.lifspekifelagid.is> contains all information on the Section, its history, activities, events, lectures, and articles by various authors, and so on. There are now nine active Lodges. This year the Section is 100 years old and the celebrations are planned for next year after renovating the headquarters. The annual general meeting was held in December.

Given Covid-19-related restrictions, no physical meetings took place during the year in the TS in **Ireland**. All members were provided with online study notes, messages, and uplifting quotations. Information received, especially regard-

ing online meetings, from Adyar, the European School of Theosophy, TS in the Philippines, Krotona Institute School of Theosophy, and TS in Russia were passed on to members to link into their online meetings. During lockdown new members joined via information from their website: <theosophyireland.com>. Members have experienced a closeness and kinship with many countries worldwide due to the shift to online mode.

Italy still has the largest membership in the European region, with 794 members in 26 Lodges and 16 study centres. General Secretary Antonio Girardi reports that activities were still heavily conditioned by Covid-19 regulations. Nonetheless, online communication made it possible not only to get the regular work done but also to develop new initiatives and contacts due to the growing interest in the Society's activities. The website attracted over 6,000 visits and over 4,000 people received a monthly newsletter. The web presence includes information on Facebook, Instagram, and a YouTube channel that livestreams and hosts recordings of events. The books published in Italian during the year were *Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy* (Ianthe Hoskins), *The Secret Doctrine Summary* (H. P. Blavatsky), *Esoteric Buddhism* (A. P. Sinnett), *Through the Gates of Gold* (Mabel Collins), and *At the Feet of the Master* by J. Krishnamurti. The 106th National Congress planned for June was held online in December on the theme, "Theosophy and Education: from Maria Montessori to the Present". The Ascona

Theosophical Seminar, a collaboration between the European Federation and the Swiss Section was held online in March. White Lotus Day was celebrated online with the Ukrainian Section. The 107th National Congress took place in September 2021, on "Theosophy and the Initiatory Journey: A Path to Freedom", with 80 people present in person, and also via live broadcast. The "Introductory Course on Theosophy and the TS" had great appeal and three sessions were organized for 90 participants. The new online initiative, "Wednesdays with the TS", offers an interview lasting 1.5 hours, followed by a Q&A session. About 15 interviews were organized with around 100 people, including the international President of the TS, Tim Boyd.

The TS in **Russia** has held 52 online meetings over the past year, 9 of them were attended by international TS speakers. A weekly meditation course began its work in September 2020. The National Congress was held along with Brazilian theosophists. It was the first and a very successful experience of cooperation in such a big event. The annual All-Russian Conference was held in the spring of 2021. During this year, 9 round tables on theosophical topics were held with off-line and online participants. The translated Russian version of *The Theosophist* continues. Every Sunday there is a webinar on *The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. Blavatsky. Nine theosophical books have been published in Russian. For the first time The School of Wisdom was held with Greek theosophists. The summer meeting

"The Path of Discipleship" was organized with the help of Ukrainian and Indian theosophists and with international TS speakers from India. The Siberian Theosophical Center in Makarevka gathers theosophists for its seminars twice a year. Social networks are developing. There are weekly online meetings on organizational subjects, opened for all TS members in Russia.

The year presented many challenges both for the TS in **Scotland**, with its three Lodges and one study centre, and for humanity as a whole, due to the ravages of Covid-19, which transcended all the boundaries erected by humanity: political, national, economic, or in the form of race, creed, sex, caste, or colour. They feel it is now time for theosophists, and humanity as a whole, to respond to the Aquarian exhortation of realizing human interconnectedness as an aspect of the One Life and to conduct all affairs accordingly. The physical limitations were overcome by holding meetings online, which, to a certain extent, served to perpetuate the sense of community and pursuit of the Society's objectives. Even so, there is no substitute for the psychic energy, social cohesion, and spiritual inspiration generated by physical meetings. The members are all greatly looking forward to the resumption of the normal Lodge activities.

The quarterly magazine of the **Swedish** Section, *Tidlösvisdom (Timeless Wisdom)*, was distributed freely to all members. Most of the planned activities had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. Two groups met

online to study H. P. Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine* and Wallace Slater's *Raja Yoga*. There were also three online lectures on the Mahatma Letters, Alice Bailey, and "How Real Is Reality?" The usual mini-schools in autumn and spring and the summer school held jointly with the Finnish Section had to be cancelled. Foundation Day on 17 November, and White Lotus Day on 8 May were also celebrated online. Apart from a short break, the bookshop was kept open two days a week. All the library books were catalogued. The TOS group continued its support to "Mango Tree", a school project in Goa, India, for children living in the slums.

In the TS in **Switzerland**, group meetings continued regularly, some weekly and some monthly. Activities were not affected and no member felt isolated during the Covid-19 related lockdown period due to the usage of online meeting tools in all the three languages. The European seminar was held online and the lectures were available on the Italian Youtube channel in collaboration with the European Federation and Italy. The activity in the Italian part of Switzerland is now stable and consolidated, the German one is expanding, and the request of some participants to create a group for Lausanne/Geneva bodes well. Face-to-face meetings have resumed in some groups and weekly headquarters meetings are also expected soon.

The **Africa, East and Central** Section comprises **Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia**. Some Lodges were unable

to have any meetings while some had reduced attendance. Online talks organized by various groups of the TS world were useful for interested members to continue their studies and keep in touch with TS activities. Due to the time difference, talks from the Philippines and India were preferred. But, the Internet being very expensive, many members could not join these sessions due to lack of infrastructure. Online talks from around the world are most likely to attract young members to Theosophy, and hopefully, development of IT technology will pick up soon in Africa. Office-bearers were elected for the next three years. The introduction of group discussions on pre-announced topics has had a good response, especially from young members.

In the **Indo-Pacific** region, the new President of the **Australian** Section, Stephen McDonald, who succeeded Linda Oliveira after her many years of devoted service, was inaugurated in January 2021. Many Lodges and groups continued with innovative, online methods to communicate and do the work of the TS, such as e-bulletins to augment the regular paper newsletters and programmes, live online lectures and study groups, and website resources for home study. After many years at their old home, the Melbourne Lodge of the TS moved to a new building, which includes a bookshop, comprehensive library, and spacious meeting rooms. An opening ceremony was held on White Lotus Day, attended by the National Secretary, the National President, and a full house of members and friends.

In **Bangladesh** there is one Lodge having weekly study circle meetings of different groups based on categories such as Egyptology, Theosophy and Rosicrucianism. Besides the studies and discussions, service activities are done by the Lodge such as distribution of rice and blankets for the poor. Moreover, two books have been published, one on Theosophy and the other on Rosicrucianism. The members practise social work everyday in their jobs.

The **Indian** Section, with the largest membership in the international Society, has 9,039 members (443 of them life members) in 480 Lodges and 13 study centres. A positive result of Covid-19 was the evolution of online lectures resulting in both an increase in audience attendance as well as the discovery of new speakers, many of them young theosophists. The new college building was completed with an additional capacity of 300 students, and there are plans to expand the scope of courses offered to the management and education streams. The Besant Education Fellowship managed two schools in the Section's headquarters campus. An in-person meeting marked the celebration of Dr Annie Besant's birth anniversary, whereas Foundation, Adyar, and White Lotus Days were celebrated in online meetings. After giving the opportunity for life members to confirm their presence for continued membership, 745 out of 1,188 were dropped due to lack of response. This contributed significantly to the overall membership drop of about 14% from the previous year.

The 129th National Convention was conducted online in December on the theme, "Awareness Transforms Life", chaired by Vic Hao Chin, Jr, former General Secretary of the TS in the Philippines, and a master of the subject. The first Public Lecture in memory of Radha Burnier, the 7th international President of the TS, was held on 30 October, with the keynote address, "Radhaji: Glimpses of Her Life and Influence", attended by 90 global participants. The 97th Easter Conference (originally called South Indian Conference) was held online in April with 250 registrants (68 from outside India), on "Theosophy and J. Krishnamurti". The consensus was that, far from being contradictory, Krishnamurti's teachings were an affirmation of Theosophy. Of the 16 Federations, seven held online annual conferences and three in person. One was the Telugu Federation's centenary celebrations planned for March 2020, which had to be deferred and was held one year later. There were 100 delegates and 150 members of the public participating.

The annual study camp was conducted online, directed by Ven. Olande Thero, on "Mindfulness, the Heart of Buddhist Meditation", with 100 participants. No study camps could be organized at the popular Himalayan study centre at Bhowali. Over 80 study classes were held online on *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett* and other theosophical books. Numerous special lectures, seminars/workshops, and other programmes were conducted in English and Hindi, mostly by over 15 national lecturers. Overall, propagation of

Theosophy was the highest in decades due to the extensive use of online media. The TOS continued its activities like women's empowerment, subsistence and treatment support for Covid-19-affected economically disadvantaged families, cyclone relief, and so on.

There are 239 members in 9 Lodges in the **Indonesian** Section. The General Secretary, Mr Widyatmoko Nekara, reported that there were weekly regular studies of Patanjali's *Yogasutras* and J. Krishnamurti's *At the Feet of the Master* for members only, and periodical independent studies led by guest speakers on various topics. Yoga and meditation sessions were also conducted on a weekly basis, led by a member. White Lotus Day was celebrated within the Section on 9 May and jointly with the Indo-Pacific Sections on 8 May, the latter organized by the TS in the Philippines. There was also an online year-end casual meetup for New Year 2021.

The **New Zealand** Section comprises 12 branches and 4 study centres. The keynote event during the year was the national annual convention held in January on "Awakening Compassion, Deepening the Connection". The following regular events were also held during the year: The School of Theosophy on "The Spiritual Path in Daily Life: Exploring *The Mahatma Letters*"; and two Immersion Weekends in October 20 and July 21, on "Exploring Pathways of Unfolding Awareness" and "Reincarnation Explored", which surveyed the principal keynotes underlying the Ancient Wisdom and encouraged

deepening awareness and insight for participants. One-day seminars were conducted at various branches/study centres focusing on core foundations of Theosophy. A free, top-rated, online course, made up of six short videos exploring theosophical perspectives on the Divine Wisdom, was made available on <udemy.com>, and has over 600 subscribers. Two regional events sponsored by the Section were held giving an opportunity for branches to get together to take stock and share.

The work of the TS in **Pakistan** is going on well in Karachi city. The TOS is working in full swing. They maintain the nurses' training supported by the UN. The Jamshed Memorial School functions in the TS building in the mornings, with classes from Montessori up to Class 5, with about 600 students. The Minwalla Montessori Institute for training underprivileged teachers functions in the School in the afternoons. The 150th birth anniversary of Dr Maria Montessori was celebrated. Schools with grants from the TS in New Zealand, Australia, and other donors are functioning well. Teachers impart Montessori Training to the underprivileged at home. Jamshed Memorial Library is open for children and the general public. Members' meetings are held online. Two senior members passed to eternal light.

The **Philippine** Section joint Lodge meetings continued every week, including speakers and participants from other countries, providing interaction among participants who normally would not and could not have an in-person meeting. The

online template was also a model for other Sections and Lodges to emulate. Guided Meditation was facilitated by Vic Hao Chin every first Sunday of the month. Midweek Meditation sessions were conducted every Wednesday, targeting beginners and the public. Sessions were rotated among member volunteers, being also a training ground for facilitating meditation for Lodges. From November to February two online Self-Transformation seminars were conducted. An online Introductory Course on Theo-sophy was held every Sunday from February to April. A 5-session "Studying the Bible from an Independent Viewpoint" was facilitated by Vic Hao Chin from June to July. An intermediate course on "The Mahatmas, The Path of Discipleship, and Initiation" was facilitated by Rosel Doval Santos. The National Convention was held online in November on, "The Relevance of Applied Theosophy in Our World Today". The Visayas-Mindanao Federation regional convention was held on August on: "Reason, Intuition, Awareness: Pathways to Right Action". An year-end joint Lodge gathering in December became a 3.5-hour Christmas extravaganza with worldwide participants. FreeSpace Youth group (<facebook.com/freespacemanila>) had regular monthly online talks covering popular subjects among the young. The *Theosophical Digest*, *The Philippine Theosophist* newsletter, and *Peace Ideas* continued to be published. Correspondence courses continued.

The national headquarters of the TS in **America**, founded in 1886, has a

3,371 membership. Although the main building was closed to the public, the outreach has expanded during the year, owing to the hard work of the staff at the national headquarters and the increased online presence of seekers attending programs, viewing YouTube videos, and visiting <theosophy.wiki>. The philanthropy department formed in September 2020 was successful in garnering support beyond expectations.

Though the H. S. Olcott Memorial Library and the archives department remained closed to the public, they continued to provide services via phone, email, and post to researchers, members, and the general public. The online archive collection has doubled, especially audio recordings. Digitization of papers, microfilm, and slides continued. Theosophy Wiki website had over a quarter million users from over 200 countries. The IS/IT department enabled staff to work from home with minimal disruption. They also used the opportunity to research / fix / upgrade the website, security system, and so on. The audiovisual department produced over a hundred new video titles, many of them of meditation programs, for distribution through YouTube, Facebook, the Library, and the TSA and Quest Books websites. The Bookshop had a challenging year due to the pandemic closures, but it enabled the redesign of the interior for better visitor access, and some catch-up work.

Most local groups and national speakers shifted to online mode for meetings and presentations, and it is highly likely

that it will remain popular even after in-person meetings are allowed. The prison program continues to draw new mentors and prisoners. The TPH in Wheaton has been creating audiobooks to augment the existing print, Internet, and video content. The public programs department streamed and later made available the recordings of 36 weekly lectures and 38 online workshops attended by over 1,600 viewers via YouTube. Also 23 online classes of four to six weeks duration were offered, with over 1,000 people participating. The Summer Convention was held online. The marketing department has increased Facebook users by over 60%, and YouTube subscription has crossed the 100,000 mark.

Quest has adopted full-color format starting with the summer 2021 issue, enhancing the magazine's visual beauty. The main fundraising ad has been given a prominent position in it. Also a new *Quest* Facebook page has been added with themes of sacred art, science, spirituality, and the world's esoteric traditions. The buildings are expected to be open to all by fall 2021, and personal retreats can be arranged at the national headquarters.

Although 20 members resigned from the **Argentinian** Section, 15 new members have joined. Now the Section has almost exclusively online activities due to Covid-19 restrictions. All 17 Lodges and 7 study groups continued with their meetings online. Public lectures and meditation sessions for the general public were also done online with an average attendance of about 100 people. The on-

line introductory course continued, and of the 150 people who started, 32 qualified for the certificate. The advanced course that started in August continues with 130 participants. Three titles were edited in Spanish during the year: *Esoteric Instructions* by Blavatsky, *Reflections on the Ageless Wisdom* by Joy Mills, and *Theosophical Talks* by Juan Viñas. The Section also worked with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation to produce a weekly program of lectures in Spanish. It is hoped that physical meetings will start soon.

A new Presidential Representative for **Bolivia**, Ms Juana L. Maldonado, was appointed in July. Earlier, the General Assembly was held in October. Various online lectures and talks were delivered organized by the Section. All five Branches and two study centres had online meetings. A new quarterly magazine was launched in September. TOS has been given a new impetus. It supported two welfare centres: a home for low-income mothers and their children, and a temporary shelter for visitors who come from rural areas for medical treatment.

The TS in **Brazil**, with 32 Lodges and 24 study groups, celebrated its centenary in November with a week of lectures, cultural events, photography exhibition, and a theosophical presentation. A commemorative book, *Theosophy, the Truth of All Ages: 100 Years of the TS in Brazil*, was launched. The 40th summer school was held online with over 210 participants at the end of January on "Spiritual Wisdom for Life Transformation". The Inter-

national Theosophical School and Winter Seminar was held online on “Science and Spirituality”, with 338 participants, including from other countries. Also two virtual national programs were launched, “Online Groups of Theosophical Studies” and “Virtual Study Groups with Books”, continuing activities unhindered. The Library has a new system and videos were made available on a TV channel and a website <sociedadeteosofica.org.br>. A program that includes lectures for managing depression and preventing suicides is in place in partnership with the University of Brasilia. TPH published 6 books during the year. *Sophia* magazine entered its 17th year, and 4,000 copies are distributed via newsstands.

At present the TS in **Central America** is in the form of two Lodges and a study center with a total of 11 active members, though they are undergoing major financial problems. Activities aimed at the diffusion of Theosophy include a directed course on *The Secret Doctrine*. Due to the pandemic, the Lodges did not have the opportunity to meet for study sessions. They participated in the 2021 triennial congress of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation and in the election of the new president and executive committee. Both Lodges have begun to use video conferencing with the purpose of spreading theosophical knowledge.

The **Cuban** Section, founded in 1905, has a membership of 576. The Annual Convention was not celebrated, due to Covid-19 prohibitions for meetings during the year. Regular meetings and activities

will begin in November 2021. Due to reasons concerning the economic regime, Branches, Lodges and individual members, have been unable to have virtual meetings; so the Section did not have the usual meetings and studies. A couple of chat groups devoted to theosophical studies and information via Facebook continued. The digital magazine, *Revista Teosófica Cubana*, continued as usual.

Two Lodges and a study group make up the Presidential Agency in the **Dominican Republic** under the guidance of Presidential Representative, Mrs Magaly Gracia de Polanco. Multiple batches of the “Introductory Course in Theosophy” were conducted. The “Intermediate Course”, Part 1, was also held, and Part 2 is in progress. The study of HPB’s *Isis Unveiled* and J. Krishnamurti’s *At the Feet of the Master* was completed and HPB’s *The Key to Theosophy* is in progress during the weekly sessions. In-person meetings are planned from October 2021. There were also conferences on “The Fathers of Humanity” in April and “An Approach to Consciousness According to Science and Theosophy” in July.

The two Lodges in **Peru** together had seventeen online public talks during the year. They also offered two courses online: “Basics of Esoteric Philosophy” during February to April and “Basic Course of Theosophy” in March. Lodge meetings were also held online throughout the year. There is a meditation group which held eight meetings during the year. In addition, frequent attenders of public meetings (called sympathizers) were

invited for separate meetings for more interaction and eventually 70% of them became new members. Foundation Day, Adyar Day, and White Lotus Day were celebrated as usual. Mrs de Polanco is also Presidential Representative for the TS in **Puerto Rico**. She reports that some of the three Lodges have resumed physical meetings while the online mode is still being used. In October, the Agency participated in the seminar, "Seek Your Refuge Only in the Eternal", as part of the Magna School of Theosophy's work for the Spanish-speaking community in the Americas. Regular Lodge work has been going on and recent study topics include *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett* and I. K. Taimni's *Self-Culture*. The TS building is under repair and the library is being organized.

The **international Vice-President**, Mrs Deepa Padhi, was invited to chair the 129th Indian Section Convention in December. The Virtual Centre for Theosophical Studies had organized a TOS symposium in February where she was a panellist. She was invited in April by the Philippine Section, in their joint Lodge meeting on "Women's Empowerment", to speak on "Helping Women Discover Their Wings". The 56th annual conference of the Utkal Theosophical Federation in September on "Humanity and Beyond" had her as the chief guest. She also gave a talk on 30 October in the first Radha Burnier memorial public lecture, organized by the Indian Section, on "Radha Burnier and Practical Theosophy".

At the **International Headquarters**

of the TS in Adyar, Chennai, India, the Administrator of the **Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA)**, Mrs Sonal Murali, reports that the second academic year continued online due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, and started its third year in June with 130 students from Nursery to Grade 4. The anniversary was celebrated online with President Tim Boyd as the chief guest. At the crux of the ATA student/teacher interaction is transformative learning. A typical day begins with "circle time" when children bring to the table what they would like to share and build on via organic conversations. Arts and crafts in many forms continue to be explored, whether Form Drawing or Mandala Art. During the year, a successful link with Nature and its wonders was achieved for children from home through Nature Journaling. Language acquisition in Tamil and Hindi grew steadily using games, stories, and music. Theatre classes instil skills like good communication, coordination, and group work.

A Science Hub was launched for students to actively engage in experimenting, designing, and querying. This is not to omit school events like creating music, Science Day, and Annual Day with plays and songs. Teachers had regular, skill and knowledge upgradation programmes in areas like systems thinking, stages of development, multiple kinds of intelligences, non-violent communication, and contemplation of the core question: "What is education for?"

The Officer-in-Charge of the Surendra Narayan Archives, Ms Jaishree Kannan,

reports that no researchers could visit the Archives during the pandemic, but there were fifteen research scholars using its resources online. Their requirements were catered to by scanning or copying the materials available. The 17th of February 2022 will mark the beginning of the centennial year of the Archives, and they are gearing up for this important landmark by having a year-long programme starting with the International Convention 2021.

In the Adyar **Museum**, Dr Bernd Jesse continued his valuable voluntary work. The Venkatachalam Collection consists of over 100 early 20th-century paintings and Hindu bronzes, in various states of preservation. Cleaning and identification of these artifacts is in progress. Photographing these items has consumed more time than previously thought, so the immediate focus is on the more prominent pieces. This includes several other items in the display room as well.

The **Theosophical Publishing House** reports that during the year, book sales were Rs. 1.8 million with royalties accounting for Rs. 0.8 million. This was lower than earlier years due to the Covid-19 disruption and also to some options for e-books rather than the printed version. Still, 44 book titles, many of which were out of stock, were reprinted; 22 book titles were scanned and converted to the soft-copy format. Subscribers to *The Theosophist*, a monthly, were 864, of which 612 were Indian. The quarterly *Adyar Newsletter (ANL)* had 372 subscribers (256 in India). Apart from the periodicals, **Vasanta Press** continued to print ti-

tles ordered by TPH and Adyar Library. They also printed 9 book titles, 11 issues of *The Theosophist*, and 4 issues of *ANL*.

The **Theosophical Order of Service (TOS)** is present in 36 of the 59 countries where the TS is active and has several outreach avenues, per Ms Nancy Secrest, TOS Secretary. The *TOS: in-touch.on-line* e-newsletter is published quarterly. The website is <international.theoservice.org> and the Facebook link is <facebook.com/tosinternational>. Covid-19 created restrictions, but ironically allowed many more people to interact via online talks accessible worldwide. Online activities were held from India and the Philippines. Due to retirement, new Directors were elected in Argentina, Mexico, and Bolivia. A large donation was received from TOS England for Covid-19 relief in India, which was used to distribute food and household articles in several cities. Face masks, hand sanitizers, and oxygen tanks were some items distributed for Covid relief. A few Adyar employees were also helped with medical costs or replacement of loss of spousal income due to the lockdowns. Many TOS groups around the world helped those who needed food, medical, education and other assistance. Regular projects were mostly maintained. Assistance with various women's issues, educational and scholarship efforts, and youth involvement remained central issues for many groups, along with animal welfare, and humanitarian assistance. Also, almost all countries have healing groups.

TIM BOYD

**THE TREASURER'S REPORT
AND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2021**

TREASURER'S REPORT — AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2020–2021

Respected members of the General Council:

The audited financial statements of the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 March 2021 are already in your hands. Please find hereunder the salient points of financial activity of the Society for the fiscal year 2020–2021.

The Theosophical Society's accounting system underwent a major change last year by introducing new accounting methods, with an eye towards modernizing our procedures and financial reporting, as well as more fully utilizing our TALLY accounting software's capabilities. This year, the utilization of the accounting software's tracking of inventory/stores was added along with its currency exchange rate capabilities. In addition, the tracking of daily activity is in the process of being shifted from paper to electronic record keeping. Attention was also paid to adjusting a few old general ledger account balances in order to reflect the financial position of the Society more accurately.

This was an unusual year in that the Society's Adyar campus, and indeed the entire country, was "locked down" as per government mandate as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic that affected the world. From April through August 2020 Treasury operated with only the Treasurer and the Assistant to the Treasurer, R. V. S. Vighnesh, in attendance. M. Sathyabhama, also came in at the end of each month to process the payroll, ensuring that all TS employees continued to be paid during this period. Two more months of "lockdown" occurred during this current year with the future remaining uncertain. As you will see, some of the Society's financial activity was affected by this unusual circumstance.

1. INCOME

The details of the income for the year ended 31 March 2021 as compared to the previous two years are as follows:

	Financial Year		
	2020–2021	2019–2020	2018–2019
a) Gross interest received from investments	20,195,952	22,847,997	23,007,802
b) Fees and dues	2,818,559	2,901,231	2,000,875
c) License fees	—	—	200,000
d) Adyar Day donations	345,655	206,148	213,778
e) General donations	492,672	164,654	674,741
f) Restricted donations	21,932,192	70,857,888	—
g) Sales & Subscriptions – TPH & Magazines	808,274	3,750,340	4,548,068
h) Sales & Subscriptions – ALRC, BMAD & Garden	768,168	400,726	963,722

i) Other income	5,450,061	3,016,758	4,484,569
Sub Total – gross income	52,811,533	104,145,741	36,093,555
Less: Interest transferred to earmarked funds	<u>(8,937,954)</u>	<u>(10,544,399)</u>	<u>(10,569,989)</u>
Total Income	<u>43,873,579</u>	<u>93,601,343</u>	<u>25,523,566</u>

The gross income for the year as shown above decreased from that of last year, 2019-2020, by Rs. 51,334,209. The most obvious reason for this is that gross income from 2020 included the receipt of donations from the Netherlands, Australia and New Zealand Sections that had been called down toward the completion of the LBC renovation project. (The lockdowns due to the Corona virus pandemic unexpectedly halted this work at the end of March 2020. It has since resumed with completion expected by the end of fiscal 2021-2022.) However, a mix of other factors affected gross income this year as well, including some large onetime events.

Income from interest on investments decreased by Rs. 2,652,045 from that of 2019-2020. This is mostly due to the usage of investments, particularly renovation funds, for their donated purposes which reduced the total amount invested. Declining interest rates continue to be a factor as well.

There were no License fees in 2020-2021 nor in 2019-2020. The amount shown for 2018-2019 was for the last two months' rent of the Damodar Gardens property by the KFI. We will see no further income from License fees until we begin receiving "rent" from the Damodar Gardens property and/or from the Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA), both of which are pending. (Receipt of license fees from ATA, at the rate of Rs. 100,000 per month, began in April 2021).

Adyar Day donations, as well as General donations increased this year, while Fees & Dues decreased. Restricted donations decreased as explained above. Donations to Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary continued to increase due to several campaigns launched by its department head, Shravan Krishnan, and the use of social media to attract donors.

TPH sales dropped severely this year with a decrease of Rs. 3,662,066 from those of 2019-2020. This can only be attributed to the worldwide lockdowns that affected the global economy. Not only was our Bookshop closed for all of this fiscal year, orders directly from TPH diminished due to lockdowns in other areas of India and other countries as well. As a bright spot, BMAD, however, began selling calendars, T- shirts, cups and buttons this year that contributed in excess of Rs. 450,000 to income as well as advertising its services to the community.

The increase in Other Income is mostly due to two onetime events, the forfeiture of ALRC readers' and borrowers' deposits in the amount of Rs. 1,204,916 and the recovery of property taxes in the amount of Rs.1,586,174. ALRC charges its readers and borrowers recoverable deposits which, according to library rules, become forfeit after three years if their return is not requested. In the meantime, the amount is carried on the TS books as a liability, which should have been adjusted annually, but was not. This year Treasury adjusted the amount of that liability to reflect only the last three years of deposits. Also, the Corporation (city) of Chennai greatly increased property taxes a couple of years ago. Due to a huge outcry from property holders city-wide

against this sudden and massive increase, the Corporation reneged, and issued credits to property holders this year. The TS received a credit of Rs. 1,586,174.

2. EXPENDITURE

The net results under the different Cost Categories, after utilizing the funds held for those purposes, as compared to those of the previous two years were as under:

As was stated in last year's report, please note that some category names have been changed. Buildings, Grounds & Support now includes what we formerly called Departments and Establishment. Prior year figures for Establishment must be added to those for Buildings, Grounds & Support for comparison purposes. The cost centre TS Primary has replaced what was formerly called Other Expense. Negative figures (in brackets) indicate a surplus of income to expenditures. It should be noted that all TS employees continued to be paid during the lockdown period, regardless of attendance, and that those we deemed as "essential" to our continued operations during this time, such as: security, maintenance, dining and a few others, also received a "bonus" if they came in to work in spite of the government "lockdown". (This was allowed by the government with letters from the employer.) This additional "bonus" amounted to approximately Rs. 4,000,000 of expense to the TS. Another major expenditure this year was an increase to the Provision for the Labour Case. This is a 40-year-old court case in which the TS was charged by a labour union for wrongful dismissal of 63 former employees. Rather than continuing to fight this case, the TS and the Union reached a settlement this year in the amount of Rs. 10,500,000 to be paid to the former employees. On the advice of its auditors, the TS had previously provided Rs. 4,000,000 on its books towards this contingent liability. This year an addition Rs. 6,500,000 was expensed in anticipation of paying the settlement. (The court case was subsequently closed in September 2021 with no remaining liability to the TS. Payments to former employees or their heirs began on 3 December 2021.)

Nature of expenditure	Net (Surplus)/Deficit by Financial Year		
	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
a) Buildings, Grounds & Support	21,386,418	21,728,137	17,885,956
b) Charitable work	(3,061,779)	(3,171,805)	511,470
c) Propagation of Theosophy	1,458,994	1,664,125	1,601,202
d) International offices	2,669,155	2,839,345	3,085,279
e) TS Primary	(14,684,863)	(61,647,776)	—
f) Establishment	—	—	7,566,331
g) Other expense	—	—	5,459,965
Totals	<u>7,767,925.12</u>	<u>(38,587,974)</u>	<u>36,110,203</u>

The GROSS results of each Cost Centre are explained hereunder:

2 (a) Buildings, Grounds & Support

	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
i) Bhojansala & Leadbeater Chambers	1,693,025	1,059,027	479,783
ii) Garden	2,243,166	2,057,337	2,553,464
iii) General Manager's Office	189,572	209,570	237,229
iv) Headquarter's Projects	(1,583,333)	(1,565,645)	818,476
v) Housekeeping	2,307,836	1,819,822	1,807,261
vi) Information Technology	201,724	176,310	—
vii) Maintenance	9,341,317	15,155,810	15,132,709
viii) Sanitation	1,011,298	886,992	670,661
ix) Security	5,981,813	4,725,473	4,732,704
Totals	<u>21,386,418</u>	<u>24,524,696</u>	<u>6,432,287</u>

2a (i) The operations of Bhojansala & Leadbeater Chambers resulted in a deficit increase of Rs. 633,998 as compared to 2019-2020. This is due to nil boarding income and reduced canteen income resulting from both the continuing LBC renovation and the "lockdown" of the Adyar campus to visitors during the pandemic. On the expense side, the cost of Provisions (food) decreased slightly as did the cost of electricity. Increases were seen in increased salaries for essential workers and overtime as stated above. All other items remained stable.

2a (ii) The deficit in the Garden department increased this year due to a combination of reduced sales, in the amount of Rs. 137,990 and the payment of bonuses to essential workers. An increase in Garden Maintenance expense was offset by reduced payment of Contract Labour.

2a (iii) The General Manager's Office results remain in line with prior years except for a reduction in salary expense due to the transfer of the one paid employee in this department to another department.

2a (v, viii & ix) Housekeeping, Sanitation and Security increased their deficits this year due to additional payments to essential workers during the lockdown.

2a (vii) The deficit reported by Maintenance decreased this year by Rs. 5,814,493 as compared to fiscal 2019-2020 largely due to the halting of assistance from outside contractors during the pandemic. The most notable reductions were seen in Maintenance of: Buildings, Rs. 2,932,192, electrical installations Rs. 1,004,475, Other Departments Rs. 1,122,930 and Electricity expense Rs. 1,602,626 which is now spread to all cost centres that use electricity. As with other departments an increased expense for payment to essential workers was seen.

2 (b) Charitable Work

	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
i) Adyar Nature & Environment Centre	10,000	—	—
ii) Animal Welfare (re: Garden Dept.)	—	—	817,584

iii) Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	(3,414,427)	(2,821,306)	2,855,514
iv) Besant Scout Camping Centre	1,260	6,810	—
v) Education	87,447	561,136	840,740
vi) Welfare Grants	907,596	679,784	674,637
vii) Free Dispensary & Medical Aid	341,388	226,024	265,940
viii) School fees & books	166,000	635,390	153,000
ix) Social Welfare	—	—	140,039
x) Others	—	—	194,350
xi) Cyclone Relief	—	—	94,566
xii) Theosophical Order of Service	138,160	—	620,647
Totals	<u>1,762,576</u>	<u>712,162</u>	<u>6,657,017</u>

Donations restricted to the above usages are now shown on the Income Statement as Restricted Donations to the various cost centres. Surpluses not used to cover expenditures in the year donated are kept in invested “Funds” until needed to cover expenses in subsequent years. This year those surpluses totaled Rs. 4,712,790, and a total of Rs. 2,679,764.24 over and above current year donations was utilized from the “Funds” this year toward the above expenses. Animal Welfare expenditures were merged last year with those of the Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary (BMAD) when it began caring for the livestock full time and took over the feeding of Adyar campus dogs and cats on a daily basis. BMAD donations increased this year by Rs. 6,727,963 as they increased their utilization of Ketto crowdfunding, Danamojo and other donations platforms and their exposure on social media through the use of Instagram. This enabled BMAD to add more animals to their protection, including horses, donkeys, injured monkeys and others. Consequently, Expenses for Animal Feed, Supplies, Medicine, Procedures and Surgeries all increased. BMAD salaries also increased by Rs. 1,719,076 this year as several more vets, a manager, an ambulance driver and a social media manager were added to their staff. The contracted labour charges, paid to Hotel for Dogs for animal handlers also increased by approximately Rs. 1,000,000.

For the past two years, entries for the Adyar Nature & Environment Centre (ANEC) and the Theosophical Order of Service (TOS) have been booked as “Pass Through” accounts (a liability) on the TS books because they are not actually considered departments of the TS. While the use of “Pass Through” accounts is permitted under India’s Accounting Standards, our auditors preferred that we book these entries as cost centres instead. Hence, the TOS was returned to cost centre status and a cost centre for ANEC was created. The “funds” described above also completely covered the expenses of Education, Welfare Grants, School Books & Fees and others.

2 (c) Propagation of Theosophy

	2020–2021	2019–2020	2018–2019
i) Adyar Library & Research Centre	1,132,723	2,097,860	1,946,305
ii) Adyar Theosophical Academy	(3,863)	4,474,080	384,394

iii) Archives & Museum	585,583	(1,782,593)	261,185
iv) Book Gifts	—	—	95,437
v) Conventions & Seminars	(808,523)	1,060,918	902,171
vi) Information & Public Relations	—	5,310	—
vii) School of the Wisdom	—	376,967	128,287
viii) Theosophy Science Centre	3,980	3,147	3,100
ix) Theosophical Publishing House	(13,713)	750,803	(1,030,873)
x) <i>The Theosophist & Adyar Newsletter</i>	979,649	710,678	506,483
xi) Vasanta Press	807,431	46,964	709,057
Totals	<u>2,683,267</u>	<u>7,744,133</u>	<u>3,905,546</u>

2c (i) The year end results for the Adyar Library are in line with those of prior years with the exception of the income derived from the adjustment to the deposits being held for library readers and borrowers (as previously described) that resulted in a forfeiture of Rs. 1,204,916 of these deposits. The net deficit of the ALRC was completely covered again this year by previously donated “funds”.

2c (ii) Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA) is included this year for information only. It is no longer a TS department as it is now a registered Society in its own right. However, since we expect to receive donations for construction of new classrooms for ATA by the TS, we will continue to report those separately, as a cost centre, for the information of the General Council.

2c (iii) The reduction in the surplus results of the Archives and Museum is due to the receipt of donations last year that covered the cost of the New Archives. The income and expense reported is now more in line with previous years.

2c (v-viii) The annual Adyar Convention was held online this year due to lockdowns and restricted travel as a result of the global pandemic. Interestingly, it was attended by several times the usual number of participants. No registration fee was charged. Instead donations were suggested. We received Rs. 989,759 in donations that covered the entire Rs. 506,238 of expenses incurred, resulting in a surplus for this cost centre. The School of the Wisdom was also held online and incurred neither income nor expense this year. The Information and Public Relations centre that is planned has not yet gotten off the ground. We hope to establish it in the future.

2 (c) (ix) The Theosophical Publishing House	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
1) Gross profit from sale of publications	484,359	2,471,163	2,291,376
2) Royalty and copyright fees	800,926	—	339,671

3) Surplus/(loss) from <i>Wake Up India & Digest</i>	—	(11,657)	(11,989)
4) Net surplus/(deficit) of the TPH	13,713	(750,803)	1,030,873

The results of the TPH have been yo-yoing in recent years, and are extremely poor this year with sales down considerably due to the closure of the Bookshop for the entire year, and greatly reduced direct sales by TPH both in India and abroad. Again, all this is due to the global pandemic. TPH was the hardest hit TS department financially by the pandemic due to its reliance on sales.

2 (c) (x) The increased loss of Rs. 268,971 from the publication of *The Theosophist & the Adyar Newsletter* is due to a decrease in sales and donations of Rs. 36,979 and an increase in Publication Costs.

2 (c) (xi) Vasanta Press:

The deficit in the production account, representing the printing activity of the Press, reversed itself as compared to last year's results, returning to that of previous years. Vasanta Press offers its services to all departments in the TS as well as to related groups such as the Olcott Education Society and others. These amounts are then billed to the departments, and others, each month through a "Consolidated Bill". Treasury and the GM will be looking at how the Press prepares these charges so as to get a better reflection of specific costs that are being charged, and ensure a more stable presentation of them on the financial statements.

2 (d) International Departments:

The results of the offices of the President and Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are in line with prior years.

2 (e) TS Primary:

This cost centre, new last year, replaced Other Expenses and gives a repository cost centre for the more uniform TS items. Its activity in 2020-2021 resulted in a surplus of Rs. 14,684,863, down from last year's surplus by Rs. 46,962,913. All donations, unless restricted to a specific department, are posted here as are fees and dues received and income from dividends and interest on TS investments.

On the expense side Society expenditures for depreciation, payroll admin charges, expenses for income tax, property and water tax, insurance, land related expenses, legal and court costs and statutory fees and dues are posted to the TS Primary cost centre. Two of our largest expenses in this cost centre this year were for depreciation, Rs. 4,161,037, and legal and court expenses Rs. 6,563,659. Depreciation expense decreased this year as there were no major projects completed. We expect LBC to reach completion in 2021-2022 which will cause a large increase in depreciation again.

The large amount expensed to Legal and court costs has already been explained.

3. Net Deficit:

The books of the Theosophical Society for fiscal 2020–2021 show a net deficit of Rs. 10,079,727. The net Deficit, after utilizing Rs. 2,679,764 from the balances in our Other/Earmarked Funds, in effect, amounted to Rs. 7,399,963. Reasons for the deficit have already been explained. In addition, while all income is reflected on the Income & Expense Statement, the amount of donations received during the year, and used for capital expenditures is shown on the Balance Sheet. Capital costs/Fixed Assets paid for in 2020–2021 amounted to Rs. 18,584,113. Of this amount, Rs.4,915,203 was paid from current year donations and other income, with the additional Rs. 13,668,910 covered by the utilization of “funds” (also shown on the Balance Sheet) representing prior years’ donations. In addition, excess restricted donations in the amount of Rs. 4,712,790 were added to the Other/Earmarked Fund balances to be used in subsequent years.

4. Capital Expenditure:

Capital additions/improvements totaling Rs.18,584,113 were added to Fixed Assets this fiscal year, 2020–2021. These included additional work in progress on the LBC renovation, Rs. 13,749,140; the Rehab of buildings at BMAD and construction of a dog shelter and medicine room, Rs. 1,279,807; additional Plant & Machinery, including fencing, RO plant rehab, sanitation infrastructure, construction of a Granite base for the statue in the HQ Garden and the purchase of an X-ray machine for BMAD. Computers, printers and copiers for various departments were also purchased, Rs. 675,010.

5. Funds & Investments:

The investments of the Society totaled Rs. 265,846,364 at the end of this fiscal year as compared with Rs. 270,448,662 at the end of the 2019–2020 fiscal year. These funds are invested in scheduled banks and financial institutions and government bonds, with a small percentage invested in mutual funds.

6 . Acknowledgement:

I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to serve the Theosophical Society as its Treasurer and to the Masters for guiding me here. Last year I completed my first three-year term of office as Treasurer, and in my report, commented on completing the goals set for me by our President. This year Treasury began working on goals it has set for itself: converting from paper to computer processing, cleaning up any old, inaccurate balances on the TS books to ensure that they reflect the TS financial position as accurately and transparently as possible, training staff so that they can perform their jobs to the best of their ability, ensuring compliance with all government regulations and ensuring consistency in the treatment of various financial transactions. We made a good start toward these goals this year, which would not have happened without the help of Assistant to the Treasurer, R. V. S. Vighnesh, and the diligent and capable work of the Treasury staff. I gratefully thank and acknowledge them for their efforts.

I wish to thank President Tim Boyd and the General Council for the trust they have placed in me, and wish to acknowledge the Executive Committee, the International Secretary, the General Manager and Department Heads for all of their assistance throughout the year.

Nancy Secrest
International Treasurer

Fees and Dues Received

From 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 (in INR)

The Theosophical Society in:	Name of Section etc.	2019-2020	2020-2021
	Africa East and Central	1,100	
	Africa, South		
	Africa, West		
	America Central	2,045	
	Argentina	63,361	
	Asia, East and Southeast		
	Australia		211,704
	Austria		10,920
	Bangladesh		
	Belgium		
	Bolivia	31,394	
	Brazil	674,525	773,947
	Canada	33,257	
	Costa Rica		
	Chile	50,618	
	Colombia		
	Cuba		
	Dominican Republic	13,768	13,670
	England	96,154	
	Finland	123,008	270,435
	France		
	Germany	55,151	
	Greece	41,093	
	Hungary	10,566	11,378
	Iceland	3,641	61,166
	India	237,782	192,165
	Indonesia		
	Ireland	13,265	18,605
	Italy	194,405	176,547
	Mexico		59,737
	Netherlands, The		
	New Zealand	81,968	50,233
	Norway		
	Pakistan		
	Peru		12,185
	Philippines, The		

Portugal		
Puerto Rico	22,696	23,823
Russia	31,332	
Scotland		
Slovenia		43,320
Spain	135,517	167,940
Sri Lanka		
Sweden		
Switzerland		19,622
Togo		
Ukraine	7,879	
Uruguay	19,137	4,645
USA	662,969	723,245
Venezuela	39,813	

Lodges attached to Adyar:

Khana Wara Lodge (Bolivia)		16,482
Lotus Lodge (Croatia)		
Arc en Ciel, and Ananda Lodges (France)		57,066
Sofia Lodge (Indonesia)	2,860	
Covenant Lodge (Israel)		88,503
Fraternidad (Paraguay)	4,228	4,726
Blavatsky Lodge (Slovenia)		13,154
Orlando Lodge (USA)	752	10,890
Blavatsky Lodge (Qatar)		
Fellows-at-large	21,973	19,182
	<u>2,676,257</u>	<u>3,055,290</u>

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

(INR)

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Opening Stock		7,084,085	Sales Accounts		
Purchase Accounts			Sales (As per Schedule)	1,427,777	
BMAD Purchases	109,495		Income From Subscription (As per Schedule)	<u>148,665</u>	1,576,442
C & S Stores Purchases	567,843				
Electrical Stores Purchases	391,883		Direct Incomes		
TPH Inventory Purchases	<u>309,439</u>	1,378,660	Convention Income	-	
Direct Expenses			General Donation/Contribution (as per Schedule)	22,770,518	
Animal Welfare Expenses (As per Schedule)	6,345,055		Fees and Dues	2,818,559	
Convention Expenses (Varanasi)	101,487		Reimbursement (As per Schedule)	225,172	
Discounts	112,500		Scanning of Books	<u>63,493</u>	25,877,742
Employee Benefit Expenses (As per Schedule)	28,578,623				
Education Expense	167,180		Indirect Incomes		
Freight / Shipping Inwards (Direct Expense)	-		Miscellaneous Income	533,213	
Garden Development and Maintenance Expenses	828,624		Boarding Income	0	
Repairs and Maintenance (As per Schedule)	5,672,674		Canteen Income	885,625	
Theosophical Order of Service	153,560		Dividend Income	2,621,813	
GST (Expense)	83,700		Interest Income (FC)	11,214,553	
Guest Room Exp. (Linens, Lamps, etc.)	<u>1,140</u>	42,044,543	Interest Income (I)	6,359,586	
Indirect Expenses			Forfeiture of Readers & borrowers Deposits	1,204,916	
Power Fuel and Electricity	2,522,519		Printing Receipts (Vasanta Press)	13,695	
Allowances (Petrol and Other)	52,372		Recovery of Property Taxes	1,586,174	
Amazon Fees	30,028		Royalties Received	800,926	
Audit Fees	259,600		Unrealized Forex Gain/Loss	61,262	
Bad Debts Expense	4,369		Quarters Maintenance	<u>75,585</u>	25,357,348
Bank Fees and Charges	72,533				
Canteen Expenses (Other Than Food/ Ingredients)	-		Closing Stock		7,452,047
Computer Maintenance Expenses	185,799				
Conveyance	43,731		Excess of Expenditure Over Income		10,079,727
Consultancy Fees	135,000				
Credit Card Fees	32,787				
Danamojo Fees	98,302				
Equipment Expense	167,977				
Fuel and Petrol Expenses	308,217				
Income Tax Expense	-				
Insurance Expense	59,913				
Ketto Fees	437,138				
Laundry Expense	450				

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

(INR)

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Lease Rent Expense	2,460				
Legal and Court. Expenses	6,563,659				
Masonry Expenses	131,242				
Miscellaneous Expense	11,132				
Medical (Dispensary)	102,659				
Office Expenses	164,730				
Offset Plates and Chemicals	6,789				
Packing Supplies Expense	168,942				
Photocopying Expenses	1,937				
Platform/Gateway Fees and Charges	-				
Plants and Flowers Expenses	73,083				
Property Tax Expenses	217,887				
Provisions (Fruits, Vegetables, Milk Etc.)	686,820				
Publication Expenses (As per Schedule)	772,778				
Quest Processing Fees	7,201				
Rounding Off	5				
Royalty Expense	28,785				
School Fees & Books and Start up cost	281,743				
Software Expenses	56,921				
Stationery Expenses	87,321				
Statutory Fees / Dues	334,315				
Subscription Expense .	93,032				
Telephone and Internet Expense	359,173				
Travel Expenses (Non-Local)	11,457				
Tea and Refreshments	100,987				
Uniform Expenses	39,270				
Vehicle Expenses	133,093				
Water Tax Expenses	24,973				
Welfare Grant Expense	801,853				
Depreciation Expenses	4,161,037	19,836,019			
Total		70,343,307	Total		70,343,307

COMPILED BY US

For the Theosophical Society

For Srihari & Co. (Chartered Accountants)

N. Secrest (Treasurer)

Manoj Niranjana G. (Partner)

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

(INR)

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	ASSETS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Capital Account			Fixed Assets		
General Fund (As per Note)	36,067,423		Adyar Library Holdings	2,964,315	
Less: Excess of Expenditure Over Income	<u>10,079,727</u>		Building Improvements Blavatsky Bungalow	24,082,836	
	25,987,696		Building Improvements - New Archives	2,511,866	
Add: Interest Income transferred from Endowment fund	<u>4,530,336</u>	30,518,032	Buildings	33,769,194	
			Computers and Other IT Fixed Assets	675,010	
Corpus / Endowment Funds	227,442,324		Electrical and Telephone Installations	5,278,273	
Legacy Deposits	1,118,000		Furniture and Fixtures	3,254,564	
Other / Earmarked Funds (As per Schedule)	<u>128,708,212</u>	357,268,536	Land and Development	227,142	
			Plant and Machinery	18,631,029	
			- Vehicles and Livestock	3,194,420	
			Work in Progress - ATA Expansion	59,000	
			Work in Progress - LBC Renovations	47,828,513	
Current Liabilities			Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(57,206,153)</u>	85,270,009
Provisions	22,985,397		Investments		
Sundry Creditors	343,160		Investments in Scheduled Banks - FCRA	105,800,000	
Unearned Revenue	311,700		Investments in Scheduled Banks - Non-FCRA	34,273,286	
Padma Tolani (Interest Payable)	19,150		Investments in Financial Institutions - FCRA	16,000,000	
Retention	1,506,956		Investments in Financial Institutions - Non-FCRA	63,051,000	
Income Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) for Vendors	136,348		Investments in Mutual Funds	<u>46,722,078</u>	265,846,364
Deposits (Readers and Borrowers ALRC)	166,700		Current Assets		
ESI Employees' Contribution Payable	16,763		Closing Stock	7,452,047	
ESI Employer's Contribution Payable	38,255		Deposits (Asset)	634,580	
Liabilities - Others	2,409,167		Loans & Advances (Asset)	11,693,686	
PF Employees' Contribution Payable	107,272		Sundry Debtors	4,023,999	
PF Employer's Contribution Payable	117,631		Cash-in-Hand	100	
Salaries and OT Payable	<u>11,538</u>	28,170,037	Bank Accounts	<u>41,035,820</u>	64,840,232
Total		415,956,605	Total		415,956,605

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
COST CATEGORY SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

(INR)

Particulars	Expense	Income	Surplus or (Deficit)	Funds Utilized	Surplus or (Deficit) after Funds
Buildings, Grounds and Support					
Bhojansala & Leadbeater Chambers	2,761,590	1,068,565	(1,693,025)	-	(1,693,025)
Garden	2,531,269	222,535	(2,308,734)	65,568	(2,243,166)
General Manager's Office	189,572	-	(189,572)	-	(189,572)
Headquarters Projects	350,667	1,934,000	1,583,333	-	1,583,333
Housekeeping	2,307,837	-	(2,307,837)	-	(2,307,837)
Information Technology	201,724	-	(201,724)	-	(201,724)
Maintenance	11,169,210	1,827,893	(9,341,317)	-	(9,341,317)
Sanitation	1,024,798	13,500	(1,011,298)	-	(1,011,298)
Security	5,992,373	10,560	(5,981,813)	-	(5,981,813)
Totals	26,529,039	5,077,053	(21,451,986)	65,568	(21,386,418)
Charitable Works					
Adyar Nature and Environment Centre	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	(10,000)
Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	14,822,121	18,236,548	3,414,427	-	3,414,427
Besant Scout Camping Centre	1,260	-	(1,260)	-	(1,260)
Education	167,180	79,733	(87,447)	87,447	-
Free Dispensary and Medical Aid	342,288	900	(341,388)	-	(341,388)
School Fees and Books	166,000	-	(166,000)	166,000	-
Theosophical Order of Service	153,560	15,400	(138,160)	138,160	-
Welfare Grant	917,596	10,000	(907,596)	907,596	-
Totals	16,580,004	18,342,581	1,762,577	1,299,203	3,061,779
International Offices					
President & Vice President	504,166	-	(504,166)	90,721	(413,445)
Secretary's Office	372,008	7,424	(364,584)	-	(364,584)
Treasurer's Office	1,892,095	969	(1,891,126)	-	(1,891,126)
Totals	2,768,268	8,393	(2,759,876)	90,721	(2,669,155)
Primary Cost Category					
Theosophical Society	13,526,474	28,211,337	14,684,863	-	14,684,863
Propagation of Theosophy					
Adyar Library and Research Centre	2,559,950	1,427,227	(1,132,723)	1,132,723	-
Adyar Theosophical Academy	137	4,000	3,863	-	3,863
Archives and Museum	585,583	-	(585,583)	-	(585,583)
Convention & Seminars	506,238	1,314,761	808,523	-	808,523
Theosophy Science Centre	3,980	-	(3,980)	3,980	-
The Theosophical Publishing House	2,351,061	2,364,773	13,713	-	13,713
<i>The Theosophist</i> & <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>	1,113,856	134,207	(979,649)	87,570	(892,079)
Vasanta Press	1,879,948	1,072,517	(807,431)	-	(807,431)
Totals	9,000,752	6,317,486	(2,683,267)	1,224,273	(1,458,994)
Total Cost Categories	68,404,538	57,956,849	(10,447,689)	2,679,764	(7,767,925)
Add: Difference in Stock			367,962	-	367,962
Add: Utilization for Fixed Assets*			-	13,668,910	13,668,910
Net Surplus			(10,079,727)	16,348,674	6,268,947

* Adyar Estate Development Rs.265,319, and LBC Renovation Rs.13,403,591.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
BUDGET AND ACTUALS 2020–2021, BUDGET 2021–2022, AND BUDGET 2022–2023

EXPENSE					INCOME				
Particulars	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Particulars	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023		2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Buildings, Grounds and Support					Buildings, Grounds and Support				
<i>Bhojansala & Leadbeater Chambers</i>	1,893,971	2,760,733	4,005,443	3,371,208	<i>Bhojansala & Leadbeater Chambers</i>	1,425,000	1,068,565	1,650,000	1,050,000
<i>Garden</i>	3,356,625	2,531,269	4,165,276	4,617,319	<i>Garden</i>	525,000	222,535	500,000	300,000
<i>General Manager's Office</i>	300,621	189,572	176,000	119,500	<i>General Manager's Office</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Headquarters Projects</i>	2,510,600	350,667	-	-	<i>Headquarters Projects</i>	-	1,934,000	-	-
<i>Housekeeping</i>	2,751,218	2,307,837	2,710,178	3,504,608	<i>Housekeeping</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Information Technology</i>	373,000	201,724	376,000	387,300	<i>Information Technology</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Maintenance</i>	30,521,273	11,169,210	10,833,108	23,022,189	<i>Maintenance</i>	940,000	1,827,893	475,000	1,575,000
<i>Sanitation</i>	1,677,443	1,024,798	1,017,969	1,035,267	<i>Sanitation</i>	2,940	13,500	3,000	10,000
<i>Security</i>	5,473,804	5,992,373	4,906,103	5,981,678	<i>Security</i>	700,000	10,560	700,000	700,000
Totals	48,858,555	26,528,182	28,190,076	42,039,069	Totals	3,592,940	5,077,053	3,328,000	3,635,000
Charitable Works					Charitable Works				
<i>Adyar Nature and Environment Centre</i>	-	10,000	-	310,000	<i>Adyar Nature and Environment Centre</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary</i>	1,792,125	14,822,121	13,131,588	22,263,234	<i>Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary</i>	5,075,000	18,236,548	7,500,000	5,300,000
<i>Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary</i>	-	-	-	4,738,950	<i>Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary</i>	-	-	-	1,200,000
<i>Besant Scout Camping Centre</i>	-	1,260	7,260	11,260	<i>Besant Scout Camping Centre</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Education</i>	800,000	167,180	600,120	738,000	<i>Education</i>	-	79,733	-	-
<i>Free Dispensary and Medical Aid</i>	303,698	342,288	393,313	406,419	<i>Free Dispensary and Medical Aid</i>	-	900	-	-
<i>School Fees and Books</i>	150,000	166,000	700,000	400,000	<i>School Fees and Books</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Theosophical Order of Service</i>	150,000	153,560	-	500,000	<i>Theosophical Order of Service</i>	-	15,400	-	-
<i>Welfare Grant</i>	500,000	917,596	750,000	850,000	<i>Welfare Grant</i>	-	10,000	-	-
Totals	3,695,823	16,580,004	15,582,281	30,217,863	Totals	5,075,000	18,342,581	7,500,000	6,500,000
International Offices					International Offices				
<i>President & Vice President</i>	879,555	504,166	598,562	616,841	<i>President & Vice President</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Secretary's Office</i>	429,484	372,008	662,975	561,932	<i>Secretary's Office</i>	-	7,424	8,000	3,000
<i>Treasurer's Office</i>	2,044,877	1,850,795	2,208,241	2,336,885	<i>Treasurer's Office</i>	-	969	3,000	-
Totals	3,353,916	2,726,968	3,469,778	3,515,658	Totals	-	8,393	11,000	3,000

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020
BUDGET AND ACTUALS 2020–2021, BUDGET 2021–2022, AND BUDGET 2022–2023

EXPENSE					INCOME				
Particulars	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Particulars	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023		2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Primary Cost Category					Primary Cost Category				
<i>Theosophical Society</i>	4,007,500	12,390,690	9,655,525	16,640,500	<i>Theosophical Society</i>	30,010,000	27,034,253	77,567,471	73,929,201
Propagation of Theosophy					Propagation of Theosophy				
<i>Adyar Library and Research Centre</i>	1,982,819	2,559,950	2,887,730	2,976,467	<i>Adyar Library and Research Centre</i>	843,000	1,427,227	525,000	305,000
<i>Adyar Theosophical Academy</i>	-	137	-	-	<i>Adyar Theosophical Academy</i>	-	4,000	-	-
<i>Archives and Museum</i>	383,199	585,583	661,434	896,469	<i>Archives and Museum</i>	275,000	-	3,000	-
<i>Convention & Seminars</i>	1,230,500	506,238	590,000	3,223,200	<i>Convention & Seminars</i>	2,430,500	1,314,761	750,000	2,600,000
<i>Information and Public Relations</i>	308,000	-	179,500	-	<i>Information and Public Relations</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>School of the Wisdom</i>	360,000	-	234,000	263,000	<i>School of the Wisdom</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Theosophy Science Centre</i>	-	3,980	5,000	5,000	<i>Theosophy Science Centre</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>The Theosophical Publishing House</i>	100,000	2,351,061	4,880,312	3,490,384	<i>The Theosophical Publishing House</i>	5,864,831	2,364,773	4,570,000	2,850,000
<i>The Theosophist & Adyar Newsletter</i>	653,260	1,113,856	1,061,000	1,638,414	<i>The Theosophist & Adyar Newsletter</i>	430,000	134,207	148,000	76,000
<i>Vasanta Press</i>	450,300	1,879,948	897,801	2,152,691	<i>Vasanta Press</i>	125,000	1,072,517	125,000	50,000
Totals	5,468,078	9,000,752	11,396,777	14,645,625	Totals	9,968,331	6,317,486	6,121,000	5,881,000
Total Cost Categories	65,383,872	67,226,597	68,294,437	107,058,715	Total Cost Categories	48,646,271	56,779,765	94,527,471	89,948,201

Total Income	89,948,201
Less: Total Expenses	(107,058,715)
Plus: Utilization of Funds	20,128,287
Surplus/(Deficit) TS Budget	3,017,773

Notes:

- 1) Budget includes a 6% payroll increase.
- 2) Donations have not been budgeted except where we are relatively certain of receipt.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI

CAPITAL BUDGET 2022–2023

Particulars	Amount
Adyar Library and Research Centre	350,000
Archives & Museum	115,000
Bhojanasala / Leadbeater Chambers	30,000
General Manager's Office	100,000
Security	50,000
Vasanta Press	240,000
Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	6,600,000
Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary Unit 2	3,600,000
Maintenance	150,000
TS Buildings and Infrastructure	
Building Improvements	37,200,000
Electrical Infrastructure	10,000,000
Plumbing Projects	2,000,000
Water Supply Projects	5,000,000
Plant and Machinery	2,050,000
Total Capital Budget	67,485,000
Less: Surplus from TS Operating Budget	(3,017,773)
Less: Utilization of Funds for Capital	(64,467,227)
Surplus/(Deficit) TS Capital Budget	-

OFFICE

HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

INDIA

OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS FOR 2020-21

Executive Committee:

1.	Mr Tim Boyd	<i>President</i>
2.	Dr Deepa Padhi	<i>Vice-President</i>
3.	Ms Marja Artamaa	<i>Secretary</i>
4.	Ms Nancy Secrest	<i>Treasurer</i>
5.	Mr Pradeep Gohil	<i>General Council Member</i>
6.	Mrs Jenny Baker	<i>General Council Member</i>
7.	Prof. C. A. Shinde	<i>General Council Member</i>
8.	Mr Jaikumar Kannan	<i>Member</i>
9.	Mr S. Harihara Raghavan	<i>Member (resigned March 2021)</i>
10.	Mr A. L. Somayaji	<i>Member</i>

General Manager

Adyar Library *Director (Sanskrit Studies)*
Librarian

Editorial *Head*

Garden *Acting Superintendent*

Housekeeping *Superintendent*

Leadbeater Chambers and Bhojanasala
Superintendent

Maintenance *Hon. Superintendent*
Deputy Superintendent

Medical Service *Doctor*

Museum and Archives *Officer in Charge*

Sanitation *Superintendent*

School of the Wisdom *Director*

Security *Superintendent*

Theosophical Publishing House *Manager*

Vasanta Press *Manager*

Mr Jaikumar Kannan

Mrs Radha Raghunathan

Prof. C. A. Shinde

Mrs Clemice Petter

Mrs Vijaya Kumari

Mrs Vijaya Ravindran

Mrs Veena Ramachandran

Mr V. M. V. Narasimhan (passed Nov. 2020)

Mr Elangovan (from 1 Dec 2020)

Dr R. Revathy

Ms Jaishree Kannan

Mrs Vijaya Ravindran

Mrs Erica Georgiades (5 August 2021)

Mr K. Ravindran

Mr Jaikumar Kannan

Mr V. Gopalan

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Olcott Memorial School *Headmistress*

Director

Social Welfare Centre *Manager*

Vocational Training Centre *Director*

Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary

Coordinator

HPB Hostel *Warden*

Mr Tim Boyd

Mr Jaikumar Kannan

Mr T. S. Jambunathan

Mrs R. Lalita

Dr P. Thirumalai

Mrs R. Mythili

Mrs Sudha Natarajan

Mr Shravan Krishnan

Ms Janaki

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS 2021

		Number of			
		Section / Area		Lodges	Centres Members *
National Societies and Sections	26				
Regional Associations	10				
Presidential Agencies	14				
Lodges Attached to Adyar	9				
Total Lodges	919				
Total Centres	162				
Total Membership 2020	23,495				
Total Membership 2021	21,939				

		Number of			
		Section / Area		Lodges	Centres Members *
1	Africa, East & Central	5	-	107	S
2	Africa, South	6	-	99	S
3	Africa, West	11	-	242	S
4	America, Central	2	1	11	R
5	Argentina	17	7	275	S
6	Asia, South-East	4	-	444	P
7	Australia	11	8	708	S
8	Austria	3	-	58	R
9	Bangladesh	6	-	102	P
10	Belgium	8	-	57	S
11	Bolivia	5	-	56	P
12	Brazil	32	23	728	S
13	Canada	5	2	116	R
14	Chile	3	-	59	R
15	Colombia	5	3	22	P
16	Costa Rica	4	-	56	P
17	Cuba	12	-	576	S
18	Dominican Rep.	2	1	51	P
19	England	23	3	509	S
20	Finland	19	1	316	S
21	France	22	-	304	S
22	Germany	7	3	125	S
23	Greece	8	1	122	S
24	Hungary	3	-	29	P
25	Iceland	9	-	280	S
26	India	480	12	9,039	S

		Number of			
		Section / Area		Lodges	Centres Members *
27	Indonesia	9	1	239	S
28	Ireland	2	-	95	R
29	Italy	26	16	794	S
30	Mexico	12	4	178	S
31	Netherlands	10	6	355	S
32	New Zealand	12	4	536	S
33	Norway	1	-	15	R
34	Pakistan	No report			P
35	Peru	2	-	30	P
36	Philippines	21	6	226	S
37	Portugal	10	2	115	S
38	Puerto Rico	3	-	49	P
39	Russia	9	-	173	P
40	Scotland	3	1	82	R
41	Slovenia	4	2	54	R
42	Spain	13	7	346	S
43	Sri Lanka	3	-	182	P
44	Sweden	6	-	162	S
45	Switzerland	2	2	33	P
46	Togo	2	-	18	R
47	Ukraine	8	1	115	S
48	Uruguay	5	-	53	R
49	USA	33	45	3,371	S
50	Venezuela	2	-	16	P
	Subtotal	910	162	21,728	

		Number of			
		Attached to Adyar		Lodges	Members *
	Bolivia, Khana Wara		1	25	L
	Croatia, Lotus		1	14	L
	France, Arc de Ciel & An		2	30	L
	Israel, Covenant		1	69	L
	Paraguay, Fraternidad		1	18	L
	Qatar, Blavatsky		1	9	L
	Slovenia, Blavatsky		1	16	L
	USA, Orlando		1	15	L
	Fellows-at-Large		-	15	
	Grand Total	919	9	21,939	

* S= Section, R= Regional Association, P=Presidential Agency, L= Lodge attached to Adyar

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE (TPH)

During the year, books sales was Rs 1.8 million with royalties accounting for Rs 0.8 million. This was lower than earlier years because of the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and also due to some customers opting for e-books rather than the printed version. Still, forty-four (44) book titles, many of which were out of stock, were reprinted. Reprints are brought out in the following manner: a print copy of the book is scanned, aligned, paginated, and checked for errors by the Editorial department, and then the resulting print-ready soft copy is printed and bound by Vasanta Press. During the

year, 22 book titles were scanned and converted to the soft-copy format. Subscribers to *The Theosophist*, a monthly, were 864, of which 612 were Indian. The quarterly *Adyar Newsletter* had 372 subscribers (256 in India). Apart from *The Theosophist* and the *Adyar Newsletter*, Vasanta Press continued to print the titles ordered by TPH and Adyar Library. During the year, Vasanta Press printed nine book titles, eleven issues of *The Theosophist* and four issues of *Adyar Newsletter*.

Mr K. Jaikumar
Acting Manager

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE (ALRC)

The Centre was established by Col. Olcott with many old and rare manuscripts and printed books, including a rare collection of manuscripts in the *Śārada* script. The annual journal *Brahmavidyā: The Adyar Library Bulletin* is published regularly under the guidance of Director and General Editor, Dr Radha Raghunathan, Research Officer, T. M. Ramani, and Librarian, C. A. Shinde. Contributors prepare articles and provide all other material published in the journal. The Centre also publishes books and catalogues categorized into three series, General, Library, and Pamphlet. Other than the annual journal, Vol. 85 of 2021 and Vol. 86 of 2022, recent publications include Adyar Library Series (ALS) numbers 129 to 131, three catalogues of printed books available at the Library. ALS no. 132 is under print now. Works

in progress include the annual journal Vol. 87 of 2023, ALS nos. 133 to 138, and the reprint of *Varivasyā-Rahasya* and its commentary *Prakāśa*.

Works selected for publication include *Kaula-gaja-marddana* by Lalitaalaalitha, *Nārāyana Tīrthas Sūtrārtha-bhāṣinī*, a commentary on the *Yṛgasūtras* by T. M. Ramani, Bharatis *Jñānaratam* by Dr Radha Raghunathan, and Sundararājas unique solutions on the *Āpastamba-dulba-sūtra* by S. Lakshmi.

Automation and digitization of books is being carried out under the supervision of S. Jayanthi and the catalogues are published as ALS. Scholars seeking scanned copies were provided the same via post. During the year, 822 books were accessed and catalogued, 66 manuscripts having 8225 folios were scanned, and 69 books with 13490 pages were scanned.

About 1500 books were accessed and 2000 catalogued and added to the Library collection. Around 90 books were received as gifts from the Presidents office, TPH, Secretarys office and others. From the

conservation angle, 10 hard-cover and 20 soft-cover books were repaired, 200 bound, 200 photocopied and 100 wrapper-pasted.

Prof. C. A. Shinde
Librarian

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

The courses conducted by the School of the Wisdom during the year were all online, hosted by Adyar via Zoom meeting. In November 2020 Fernando A. de Torrijos from USA conducted a course in English on "Four Stages of Mindfulness: A Secure Path to the Alleviation of Suffering". The classes were thrice a

week for two hours over two weeks. In January 2021 Fernando A. de Torrijos conducted the same course in Spanish in the same format. He also led weekly meditations in English on Fridays and in Spanish on Saturdays in April-May-June.

Marja Artamaa
International Secretary

ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM

Due to Covid-19, no researchers could visit the Surendra Narayan Archives, but there were fifteen research scholars using its resources by online means. Their requirements were catered to by scanning or copying the materials available. 17 February 2022 will mark the beginning of the centennial year of the department and they are gearing up for this important landmark by having an year-long programme starting from the International Convention 2021.

In the Museum, Dr Bernd Jesses con-

tinued voluntary work has been a valuable contribution. The Venkatachalam Collection consists of over 100 early twentieth-century paintings and Hindu bronzes, in various states of preservation. Cleaning and identifying of these artefacts is in progress. Photographing these items has consumed more time than previously thought, so the immediate focus is on the more prominent pieces. This includes several other items in the display room as well.

Ms Jaishree Kannan
Officer in Charge

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

(No report)

Mr Jaikumar Kannan
Secretary

ADYAR THEOSOPHICAL ACADEMY

The second academic year continued online due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, and ushered in its third year in June with 130 students from Nursery to Grade 4. The anniversary was celebrated online with Tim Boyd as the chief guest. Nearly a year into the new virtual platform of learning, it has now become commonplace for students and educators alike. At the crux of the ATA student/teacher interaction is transformative learning. A typical day begins with "circle time" when children bring to the table whatever they would like to share and build on via organic conversations. Arts and crafts in myriad forms continue to be explored, whether Form Drawing or Mandala Art. During the year, a successful link has been achieved for children with Nature and its wonders from home through Nature Journaling. Language acquisition in Tamil and Hindi has grown steadily using games, stories, and music. Theatre classes instil skills like good communication, coordination,

and group work. Nurturing a conducive atmosphere for questioning being a core goal, a Science Hub was launched for students to actively engage in experimenting, designing and querying. Regular story-telling, conversations and practical sessions on nutrition, participation in festivals like Navaratri, Halloween, Diwali, Christmas, and Pongal, and national holidays like Republic Day and Independence Day were other highlights of the year. This is not to omit school events such as creating music, Science Day, Annual Day with plays and songs, and so on. To achieve all this, teachers had regular skill and knowledge upgradation programmes in areas like systems thinking, stages of development, multiple kinds of intelligences, non-violent communication, and last but not least, contemplation of the core question "What is education for?"

Ms Sonal Murali
Administrator

BESANT MEMORIAL ANIMAL DISPENSARY

In the past year, BMAD was a beehive bustling with activity, lockdowns and intense monsoons notwithstanding. Numerous horses, bovines, orphaned calves, pigs, dogs, and cats were rescued during the lockdown and from the floods. A copious and uninterrupted flow of food to the hungry street dogs and cats of Chennai was ensured during the lockdown with the

help of an army of community caretakers from various neighbourhoods. Scores of animal lives were saved through the synergy of rescuers and community caretakers coupled with the spontaneous support of our donors and the commitment of the BMAD team. Innumerable surgeries for accident victims involving amputations, enucleation, fixations, and so on were done.

Specialised surgeries for tumour removal, chemotherapy for dogs with TVT, intense treatment for critically ill and geri-

atric animals kept the team on their toes.

Mr Shravan Krishnan

Coordinator

THE THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

This is present in 36 of the 59 countries where the TS is active and has several outreach avenues. The *TOS: In-touch.on-line* e-newsletter is published quarterly. The website is <international.theoservice.org> and the Facebook link is <facebook.com/tosinternational>. Covid-19 created restrictions, but ironically allowed many more people to interact via online talks accessible worldwide, taking local programs global. Online activities were done from India, the Philippines, Argentina, the USA, Ukraine and Adyar. Due to retirement new Directors were elected in Argentina, Mexico, and Bolivia. A large donation was received from TOS England for Covid-19 relief in India, which was used to distribute food and

household articles in several cities. Face masks, hand sanitizers, oxygen tanks were some items distributed for Covid relief. A few Adyar employees were also helped with medical costs or replacement of loss of spousal income due to the lockdowns. Many TOS groups around the world helped those who needed food, medical, education and other assistance. Regular projects were as far as possible maintained. Assistance with various womens issues, educational and scholarship efforts, and youth involvement remained central issues for many groups as also animal welfare and humanitarian assistance. Almost all countries also have healing groups.

Mrs Nancy Secrest

TOS Secretary

REPORTS OF WORK

IN

NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

(Where necessary, reports have been translated, edited or condensed)

NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

Founded 1947, membership 107 (2020). The Section comprises of four countries: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia. Some Lodges were unable to have any meetings while some could with reduced attendance. Online talks organized by various groups of the TS world were useful for interested members to continue their studies and keep in touch with the TS activities. Due to the time difference, talks from the Philippines and India were preferred. But, the Internet being very expensive,

many members could not join these sessions due to lack of infrastructure. Online talks from around the world are most likely to attract young members to Theosophy, and hopefully, development of IT technology will pick up soon in Africa. Office bearers were elected for the next three years. The introduction of group discussions on pre-announced topics has had a good response especially from young members.

Mr Narendra M. Shah
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

Founded 1909, membership 99. In spite of the Covid-19 situation, the 6 Lodges continued to operate except for 3 months in early 2020. Lodge meeting attendances have not picked up after the initial drastic drop. Though many enquiries about Theosophy and how to

join the Society keep coming in, few people take up the invitation to attend Lodge meetings and there have been no new members during the year.

Mr Desmond Douglas Chapman
Deputy General Secretary

AFRICA, WEST

Founded 1956, membership 242 (2017). No report.

Dr K. A. Tutu
General Secretary

ARGENTINA

Founded 1920, membership 275. During the year though 20 members resigned, 15 new members have joined. Now the Section has almost exclusively online activities due to Covid-19 related restrictions. All 17 Lodges and 7 study groups continued with their meetings online. Public lectures and meditation sessions for the general public were also done online with an average attendance of about 100 people. The online introductory course continued and of the 150 people who started, 32 qualified for the certificate. The advanced course that

started in August continues with 130 participants. Three titles were edited in Spanish during the year: *Esoteric Instructions* by Blavatsky, *Reflexions on the Ageless Wisdom* by Joy Mills, and *Pláticas Teosóficas*, by Juan Viñas, all of them in Spanish language. The Section also worked with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation to produce a weekly program of lectures in Spanish. It is hoped that physical meetings will start soon.

Mr Esteban Langlois
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

Founded 1895, membership 708. The new President of the Australian Section, Stephen McDonald, was inaugurated in January. Many lodges and groups in Australia continued with innovative, online methods to communicate and do the work of the Theosophical Society, such as e-Bulletins to augment the regular paper newsletters and programmes, live online lectures and study groups, and website resources for home study. After

many years at their old home, the Melbourne Lodge of the Theosophical Society moved to a new building, which includes a bookshop, compendious library and spacious meeting rooms. An opening ceremony was held on White Lotus Day, which was attended by the National Secretary, the National President, and a full house of members and friends.

Mr Stephen McDonald
General Secretary

BELGIUM

Founded 1911, membership 57. Some groups restarted meetings online whereas some had none till September when physical meetings could start again. The online meetings were helpful for participants from other countries speaking Dutch and French. A new website, <ts-belgium.be> was launched in August, and a Dutch trans-

lation of *The Miracle of Birth* by Geoffrey Hodson was published. The annual general meeting was held online in June. The stained glass project continues. The loss of three long-standing members contributed significantly to the fall in membership.

Mrs Sabine Van Osta
General Secretary

BRAZIL

Founded 1920, membership 728. TS in Brazil with 32 Lodges and 24 Groups celebrated its centenary in November, with a week of lectures, cultural events, photography exhibition, and a theosophical presentation. A commemorative book, *Theosophy, the Truth of All Ages: 100 Years of the TS in Brazil* was launched. The 40th summer school was held online in end January on "Spiritual Wisdom for Life Transformation" with over 210 participants. The International Theosophical School and Winter Seminar was held online on the theme, "Science and Spirituality" with 338 participants, including from other countries. Also two

virtual, national programs were launched, Online Groups of Theosophical Studies and Virtual Study Groups with Books, for continuing the activities unhindered. The library has a new system and videos were made available on a TV channel as well as the website, <sociedadeteosofica.org.br>. A program that includes lectures for managing depression and preventing suicides is in place in partnership with the University of Brasilia. TPH published 6 books during the year. *Sophia* magazine entered its 17th year and 4000 copies are distributed via newsstands.

Mr Sergio Carvalho de Moraes, Jr
General Secretary

CUBA

Founded 1905, membership 576. The Annual Convention was not celebrated, due to the authorities prohibitions for meetings during the year. Regular meetings and activities will begin in November 2021.

Due to reasons concerning the economic regime, Branches, Lodges and individual members, have been unable

to have virtual meetings; so the Section did not have the usual meetings and studies. A couple of chat groups devoted to theosophical studies and information via Facebook continued. The magazine, *Revista Teosofica Cubana*, continued in electronic form.

Mr Carlos Vicente Fernández Pérez
General Secretary

ENGLAND & WALES

Founded 1888 & 1922, membership 509. The work of the Section was conducted online due to Covid-19 related restrictions. The 21 Sunday evening lectures covered a range of theosophical and related subjects including "Theosophy and Archetypes", "A Secret History of

Consciousness", "Living Theosophy" and Journey of Self-transformation", by home-grown speakers as well as international speakers. The talks and study groups were online until recently, when physical meets have been permitted, to the relief of members who missed the warmth of personal

contact. All classical theosophical books were studied as well as the *Qabalah*. The White Lotus Group for unattached members ran a series of talks throughout the year. Over the year there has been an increase of interest in the TSE website, and YouTube and Facebook pages. Two online Diplomas in Theosophical Studies continue with global participants. A higher diploma is planned for next year. Lodge and Centre officers meet online, three times a year. A monthly newsletter is also sent out. A biannual magazine,

Esoterica, goes to all members and public bodies and institutes.

A recent survey of the members indicated that that most came to the Society through family or friends and they valued the Society for the theosophical teachings, for its freedom of thought and being with like-minded people. Their greatest interests were the spiritual quest, Theosophy and esoteric philosophy. The majority preferred physical meetings to virtual ones.

Mrs Jenny Baker
General Secretary

FINLAND

Founded 1907, membership 316. The Section has 19 lodges and a study centre. The annual general meeting was held peacefully in Helsinki in September after a delay due to the pandemic. The main event of the year was the Summer School in Kreivilä in July, with the theme, "Yama and Niyama the Ethical Basis of the Spiritual Path". Another event in Kreivilä was a course on "Music the Great Medicine of Mankind". In Estonia the local lodges arranged the Estonian Summer School

with the theme "Daily Life within the Changing World". They also had a winter seminar in Tartu in January and an autumn study camp in Aegvidu in August. Other activities continued mostly online: regular Lodge studies, public lectures, seminars and courses around the country. *The Evolution of the Higher Consciousness* by Pablo Sender was translated into Finnish and published with 300 copies.

Mr Janne Vuononvirta
General Secretary

FRANCE

Founded 1899, membership 329 (2016). Activities were diversified and enlarged. All activities took place online. Monthly public lectures by French-speaking speakers from Europe and further were much appreciated. Bi-monthly courses and meditation sessions attracted a core of interested participants. A new online study group on the *Mahatma*

Letters was created together with the Belgian Section. Another one, dedicated especially to new members, on fundamental theosophical ideas, was launched in autumn 2021 with the idea of eventually developing it into an online Lodge. The national convention took place in July. The Sections general online presence has grown, including Facebook, Youtube and

weekly e-newsletters. This has allowed more audience from several French-speaking countries to take part in the programmes and to attract new members. Although the bookshop was closed, clients were able to order books online, by phone,

or by post. The library, also closed, yet received occasional visits from readers. Monthly magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* was published both in electronic and hard copy form.

Mrs Jeannine (Nano) Leguay
General Secretary

GERMANY

Founded 1902, membership 125. The Section has seven Lodges and three study centres. The Northern and the Southern German Autumn Meetings 2020 were allowed to take place despite Covid-19, and members were happy to meet again. However the Spring Meeting had to be cancelled again. The main event was the Summer School in July, and the General Assembly with elections.

Summer School was online modeled on the international convention and was good training for the 2021 Online Convention in December. The book, *The Silent Way*, by Wellesley Tudor Pole was gifted to members for home studies. The magazine, *Adyar*, continues to be published thrice yearly.

Mrs Manuela Kaulich
General Secretary

GREECE

Founded 1926, membership 122. There are eight Lodges and one study centre in the Section. Since November 2020 joint Lodge meetings and lectures have been conducted online. A dozen meetings took place and the average attendance was 30 members. A Study Group on *The Secret Doctrine* also had online meetings. Foundation Day, White Lotus Day, and Adyar Day were also cele-

brated online. Besant and Leadbeaters book *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, volume II (commentary on *Light on the Path*) was translated and published in Greek and volume III (commentary on *The Voice of the Silence*) is under proofreading. The magazine, *ILISOS*, was published every three months.

Dr Alexandros Bousoulengas
General Secretary

ICELAND

Founded 1921, membership 280. The Summer School could not be held this year too and only a limited number of public meetings, Friday lecture meetings, and Saturday meditation meetings could be held. The attendance was restricted to 20

people. The annual theosophical journal *Gangleri* is published with 160 pages and 350 subscribers and with the front cover having a Nicolas Roerich painting. The bookshop and library with over 5000 titles are open just before the Friday lectures.

The website <www.lifspekifelagid.is> contains all information on the Section, its history, activities, events, lectures and articles by various authors, and so on. There are now nine active lodges. This year the Section is 100 years old

and the celebrations are planned for next year after renovating the headquarters. The annual general meeting was held in December.

Mr Jón Ellert Benediktsson
General Secretary

INDIA

Founded 1891, membership 9,039 (443 life members). The Section is in a healthy state with 480 Lodges and thirteen study centres. A positive result of Covid-19 was the evolution of online lectures resulting in both an increase in audience attendance as well as the discovery of new speakers, many of them young theosophists. The new college building was completed with an additional capacity of 300 students, and there are plans to expand the scope of courses offered to the management and education streams. The Besant Education Fellowship has been managing two schools in the Section headquarters campus. A physical meeting marked the celebration of Annie Besants birth anniversary whereas Foundation Day, Adyar Day, and White Lotus Day were celebrated in online meetings. The practice of having life members on the basis of a commuted fee was stopped due to the suspicion that there are those who have ceased to be members without information. After giving the opportunity for existing life members to confirm their presence for continued membership, 745 of 1188 life members were dropped due to lack of response. This has contributed significantly to the overall membership drop of about 14% from the previous year.

The 129th National Convention was conducted online in December on the theme, “Awareness Transforms Life”, chaired by Vic Hao Chin, Jr, a master of the subject, and it addressed questions like whether there are cycles of transformation, how awareness transforms life, role of awareness to relate to the present pandemic, and so on. The first Public Lecture in memory of Radha Burnier, the seventh international President of the TS, was held on 30 October, with the keynote address, “Radhaji: Glimpses of Her Life and Influence”, attended by around 90 global participants. The 97th Easter Conference (originally called South Indian Conference) was held online in April with about 250 registrants (68 from outside India), on the theme, “Theosophy and J. Krishnamurti”, and the consensus was that far from being contradictory, Krishnamurtis teachings were an affirmation of Theosophy. Of the sixteen Federations, seven held online annual conferences, and three face-to-face. One of them was the Telugu Federations centenary celebrations planned for March 2020 which had to be deferred and was held exactly one year later. The delegate strength was hundred and fifty members of the general public participated.

The annual study camp had to be postponed and was conducted online, directed by Ven. Olande Thero, on “Mindfulness, the Heart of Buddhist Meditation”, with 100 members in attendance. No study camps could be organized at the popular Himalayan study centre at Bhowali. Over eighty study classes were held online on *The Mahatma Letters* and other theosophical books. Also numerous special lectures, seminars/workshops, and other programmes were conducted

in English and Hindi, a good number of them by the more than fifteen national lecturers. Overall, propagation of Theosophy was the highest in decades, due to the extensive use of online media. The TOS continued its activities like empowerment of women, subsistence and treatment support for Covid-19-affected economically backward families, cyclone relief, and so on.

Mr Pradeep H. Gohil
General Secretary

INDONESIA

Founded 1912, membership 239. There are nine Lodges under the Section. There were weekly regular studies of Patanjali's *Yogasutras* and *At the Feet of the Master* for members only, and periodical independent studies led by guest speakers on various topics. Yoga and meditation sessions were also conducted on a weekly basis led by a member. White Lotus Day

was celebrated within the section on 9 May and jointly with the Indo-Pacific Sections on 8 May, the latter organized by TS Philippines. There was also a year-end casual meet-up done online for New Year 2021.

Mr Widyatmoko
General Secretary

ITALY

Founded 1902, membership 794. The Section has 26 Lodges and 16 study centres. Activity was still heavily conditioned by the regulations related to Covid-19. Nonetheless, online communication made it possible not only to get the regular work done but also to develop new initiatives and contacts, due to the growing interest in the Societies activities. The website attracted over 6,000 visits and over 4,000 people receive a monthly newsletter. The web presence includes information on Facebook and Instagram and a YouTube channel that livestreams

and hosts recordings of events. The books published during the year in Italian were *Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy* (Ianthe Hoskins), *The Secret Doctrine Summary* (H. P. Blavatsky), *Esoteric Buddhism* (A. P. Sinnett), *Through the Gates of Gold* (Mabel Collins), and *At the Feet of the Master* by J. Krishnamurti. The 106th National Congress planned for June 2020 was held online in December, on the theme, “Theosophy and Education, from Maria Montessori to the Present Time”. The Ascona Theosophical Seminar, a collaboration between the European

Federation and the Swiss Section, was held online in March. White Lotus Day was celebrated online with the Ukrainian Section. The 107th National Congress took place in September 2021, on “Theosophy and the Initiatory Journey a Path to Freedom”, with about 80 people present in person and also broadcast live. The “Introductory Course on Theosophy and the TS” had a surprising appeal and

three editions were organized for 90 participants. The new online initiative, “Wednesdays with the TS”, has an interview, lasting no more than an hour and a half, with the chance for the public to ask questions. About 15 editions have been organized with an average attendance of 100 people including Tim Boyd.

Mr Antonio Girardi
General Secretary

MEXICO

Founded 1919, membership 178. A new General Secretary was elected for three years who has the ambitious plan of growing the membership to over 1000 in that period by implementing measures for active participation of members, forming a theosophical training and dissemination school, formation of new study centres, and so on. Arrangements were made for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Section. The library, book store,

archives, and maintenance of the main building are being organized. Accounts and legal are being reviewed. Monthly meetings are planned with the officers of all the Lodges. Lodges and study centres have regular online meetings. The headquarters building is being renovated. The membership is being verified. Information is shared via the website, Facebook, and YouTube.

Ms Juana Leonor Maldonado Ruiz
General Secretary

THE NETHERLANDS

Founded 1896, membership 355. (No report)

Mr Wim Leys
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

Founded 1896, membership 536. The Section comprises of 12 branches and 4 study centres. The keynote event during the year was the national annual convention held in January on the theme, “Awakening Compassion, Deepening the Connection”. The following regular events

were also held during the year. The School of Theosophy event had the theme, “The Spiritual Path in Daily Life: Exploring *The Mahatma Letters*”. Two Immersion Weekends in October 20 and July 21, on “Exploring Pathways of Unfolding Awareness” and “Reincarnation Explored”,

surveyed the principal keynotes underlying the Ancient Wisdom and encouraged deepening awareness and insight for participants. One-day seminars were conducted at various branches/study centres focusing on core foundations of Theosophy. A free, top-rated, online course, made up of six short videos exploring theo-

sophical perspectives on the Divine Wisdom, was made available on <udemy.com>, and has over 600 subscribers. Two regional events sponsored by the Section were held giving an opportunity for branches to get together to take stock and share.

Mr John Vorstermans
General Secretary

THE PHILIPPINES

Founded 1933, membership 226. Joint Lodge meetings continued every week. Speakers and participants included those who were based in other countries. This provided interaction among participants who normally would not and could not have a face-to-face meeting. The online template was also a model for other sections and lodges to emulate. Guided Meditation was held every first Sunday of the month, facilitated by Vic Hao Chin. Midweek Meditation sessions were conducted every Wednesday of the week targeting beginners and the public. Sessions were rotated among member volunteers which is also a training ground for facilitating meditation for lodges. Two online Self Transformation seminars were conducted in November and December 2020 and in January and February 2021. An online Introductory Course on Theosophy was held every Sunday from February to April 2021. A 5-session "Studying the Bible from an Independent Viewpoint" was facilitated by Vic Hao Chin from June to July 2021. An intermediate course on "The

Mahatmas, The Path of Discipleship and Initiation" was facilitated by Rosel Doval Santos. The National Convention was held online in November 2020 with the theme, "The Relevance of Applied Theosophy in Our World Today". The Visayas-Mindanao Federation regional convention was held on August 2021 with the theme: "Reason, Intuition, Awareness: Pathways to Right Action". A Year-end joint Lodge gathering in December 2020 became a 3.5 hour Christmas extravaganza with participation from all over the world. A "Kumustahan" (hello) session was held in September 2021 to check on the condition of the members considering some Covid infections and even death among members. FreeSpace Youth group had regular monthly online talks covering subjects which are popular among the young ones (<[facebook.com/freespacemanila](https://www.facebook.com/freespacemanila)>). The *Theosophical Digest*, *The Philippine Theosophist* newsletter, and *Peace Ideas* continued to be published. Correspondence courses continue.

Mr Charlton Jules Romero
General Secretary

PORTUGAL

Founded 1921, membership 115. Along with the celebration of the traditional commemorative days, there were fortnightly online meetings, ranging from the traditional public talks to panels and discussion groups, all well attended. The Section celebrated its centenary online in September with the theme, "Theosophy: the Flow of Life", with dignity and simplicity, in a fraternal

atmosphere. Besides Portuguese speakers, there were participants from around the world. The Section website provides information on the history and activities. A regular newsletter is published and social media are used for publicity. Lodges and Study Groups have been using video conference platforms.

Mr Carlos Guerra
General Secretary

SPAIN

Founded 1921, membership 346. During the year the branches have used online means for studies and lectures including from other Sections and international centres. Having past lectures on Youtube has made it easier for those unable to attend the lectures live, including those of the yearly International Convention. Most importantly, non-English speaking members have been able to follow the Convention thanks to translations in different languages, serving to bring together all members of the TS in a united movement seeking spiritual growth individually as well as globally. Feedback from such events is

very positive. A basic theosophy course, "Theosophy in the 21st Century", was offered in many branches online. Those who completed this were offered an advanced course. Some workshops were organised in a participatory way, where attendees contributed their opinions and visions on the topics addressed. The annual silence retreat was held in December online on "Practical Ocultism" with a higher attendance than in previous editions. There was also greater participation in the School of the Wisdom organised at Adyar in Spanish.

Mrs Angels Torra-Buron
General Secretary

SWEDEN

Founded 1895, membership 162. Tidlös visdom (Timeless Wisdom), the quarterly magazine, was distributed free of cost to all members. Most of the planned activities had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. Two groups met online for studying The Secret Doctrine and

Raja Yoga by Wallace Slater. There were also three online lectures on *The Mahatma Letters*, Alice Bailey, and "How Real Is Reality". The usual mini-schools in autumn and spring, and the summer school held jointly with the Finnish Section, had to be cancelled. Foundation

Day on 17 November, and White Lotus Day on 8 May were celebrated online too. Apart from a short break, the bookshop was kept open two days a week. All the library books were catalogued. The TOS

group continued its support to “Mango Tree”, a school project in Goa, India, for children living in slums.

Mrs Birgitta Skärbo
General Secretary

UKRAINE

Founded 2013, membership 115. There are eight branches and one study centre. In November there was the annual convention in Ukraine on the theme, “Cultivation of the Divine Seed”. A six-month online study course was conducted on “Ageless Wisdom for Beginners”. There were 18 lectures in Russian attended by audience from Ukraine, Russia, America and Israel. A two-month spring course, “Highest Laws and Rules of Spiritual Life in Different Traditions”,

was held with the followers of traditions such as Christian, Buddhist, Sufi, Kabbalah, BahaI, Masonic, and so on, who were not TS members. White Lotus Day was celebrated jointly by two Sections, Ukrainian and Italian, online in Italian, Russian, and Ukrainian. A department of education was newly created. Vicente Hao Chin’s book *On Education* was translated into Ukrainian and published.

Mrs Svitlana Gavrylenko
General Secretary

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Founded 1886, membership 3371. The main building was closed to the public, but the outreach has expanded during the year, owing to the hard work of the staff at the national headquarters and the increased online presence of seekers attending programs, viewing YouTube videos, and visiting <theosophy.wiki>. The philanthropy department formed in Sep 2020 was successful in garnering support beyond expectations. Though the H. S. Olcott Memorial Library and the archives department remained closed to the public, they continued to provide services via phone, email, and post to researchers, members and the general public. The online archive collection has doubled especially audio recordings.

Digitization of papers, microfilm, and slides continued. The wiki had over a quarter million users from over 200 countries. The IS/IT department enabled staff to work from home with minimal disruption. They also used the opportunity to research/fix/upgrade the website, security system, and so on. The audio-visual department produced over a hundred new video titles, many of them of meditation programs, for distribution through YouTube, Facebook, the Library, and the TSA and Quest Books websites. The Bookshop had a challenging year due to the closures, but it enabled the redesign of the interior for better visitor access, and some catch-up work.

Most local groups and national speakers

shifted to online mode for meetings and presentations, and it is highly likely that it will remain popular even after in-person meetings are allowed. The prison program continues to draw new mentors and prisoners. The TPH in Wheaton has been creating audiobooks to augment the existing print, Internet, and video content. The public programs department streamed and later made available the recordings of 36 weekly lectures and 38 online workshops attended by over 1600 viewers via YouTube. Also 23 online classes of four to six weeks duration were offered participated by over a thousand people. The Summer Convention was held online. The marketing

department has increased Facebook users by over 60% and YouTube subscription has crossed the 100,000 mark.

Quest has adopted full-color format starting with the summer 2021 issue, which enhances the magazines visual beauty. Now, the main fundraising ad has been given a prominent position in it. Also a new *Quest* Facebook page has been added with themes of sacred art, science, spirituality, and the worlds esoteric traditions. The buildings are expected to be open to all by fall 2021, and personal retreats can be arranged at the national headquarters.

Dr Barbara Hebert
General Secretary

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AMERICA, CENTRAL

Founded 1929, membership 11. At present the TS of Central America is in the form of two Lodges and a study center with a total of 11 active members, though they are undergoing major financial problems. Activities aimed at the diffusion of Theosophy include a directed course on *The Secret Doctrine*. Due to the pandemic, the Lodges did not have the opportunity to meet for

study sessions. They participated in the 2021 triennial congress of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation and in the election of the new president and executive committee. Both lodges have begun to use videoconferencing, with the purpose of spreading theosophical knowledge.

Mrs Beatriz Elisena Martinez Pozas
Organizing Secretary

AUSTRIA

Founded 1891, membership 58. There are three Lodges and they offer weekly lectures throughout the study year. Study subjects are based on classical theosophical teachings and related subjects. Lectures are regularly placed on the TS Austria website. In August some members attended the summer school of the German

TS (Hartmann group). They receive the tri-annual magazine, *Adyar*, also from the German TS. In March 2021, the annual meeting was held and the executive committee was elected. The incumbent Organizing Secretary was re-elected.

Mr Albert Schichl
Organizing Secretary

CANADA

Founded 1924, membership 116. Despite obstacles experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, several opportunities emerged by adapting to the situation using imagination and learning to “think outside the box”. Online theosophical study sessions were very successful. The national conferences attracted more members than many past in-person events. It also enabled inviting world-class

speakers for seminars and lectures. While the return to face-to-face meetings was welcome, there is a clear intention to maintain and improve the online method. This will allow organizing pan-Canadian and international conferences and seminars, further facilitating the development of a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood.

Mr Robert Béland
Organizing Secretary

CHILE

Founded 1920, membership 59. Though regular Lodge meetings have not resumed yet after the pandemic lockdowns, some of the 3 Lodges have opted for online meetings and studies. A positive outcome has been that many members are able to attend meetings of other Lodges including those around the world. The motto for the period was "Compassion: Inner Work to Life". The special dates were commemorated through virtual greetings like the previous year. There was an online conference, "Manifested Theosophy in the

Visual Arts" in May, organized by the Inter-American Theosophical Federation. Some of the books studied were *Foundations of Theosophy* by Jinarajadasa, Clara Codd's *Meditation: its Practice and Results*, *Self-Renewal and Self-Realization* and *The Science of Yoga* by I. K. Taimni, and Leadbeaters *The Lives of Orion*. Though membership has increased, the new members have not had a chance to choose their Lodges due to Covid-19.

Mr Víctor Aguayo Acuña
Organizing Secretary

IRELAND

Founded 1919, membership 95. Due to Covid-19 related restrictions, no physical meetings have taken place. All members were provided with online study notes, messages, and uplifting quotations. Information received, especially regarding online meetings, from Adyar, European School of Theosophy, TS Philippines, Krontona Institute School of Theosophy,

and TS Russia were passed on to members to link into their online meetings. During lockdown new members have joined via information from <theosophyireland.com> website. Members have experienced a closeness and kinship with many countries worldwide due to the shift to online mode.

Ms Marie Harkness
Organizing Secretary

NORWAY

Founded 1913, membership 15 (2017). Stroemmen is the one active local group of the TS in Norway and Dharma Lodge is where the members meet four times a year studying *The Secret Doctrine*. There are also a few unattached members. Since the advent of Covid-19, online meetings have been the norm with a maximum of six persons meeting phy-

sically as per government guidelines. Some meeting topics have been Master Eckhart, Science and Spirituality, Simone Weil, Dzyan Yoga, Blavatskys Meditation Diagram, and so on. The Organizing Secretary was newly elected in the current year.

Mr Audun Solberg
Organizing Secretary

SCOTLAND

Founded 1910, membership 82. The year presented many challenges both for the Association with its three Lodges and one study centre, and for humanity as a whole, due to the ravages of Covid-19 which transcended all the boundaries erected by humanity: political, national, economic, or in the form of race, creed, sex, caste or colour. They feel it is now time for theosophists, and humanity as a whole, to respond to the Aquarian exhortation of realising human interconnectedness as an aspect of the One Life and to

conduct all affairs accordingly. The physical limitations were overcome by holding meetings online which, to a certain extent, served to perpetuate the sense of community and pursuit of the Society's objectives. Even so, there is no substitute for the psychic energy, social cohesion, and spiritual inspiration generated by physical meetings and the members are all greatly looking forward to the resumption of our normal Lodge activities.

Mr Gary Kidgell
Organizing Secretary

SLOVENIA

Founded 1992, membership 54. TS in Slovenia has four Lodges and two study centres. All meetings were online. The weekly lectures were 31 including the celebration meetings of Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day. Meditation at the beginning and end of meetings and discussion after lectures were an integral part of all two-hour meetings. Though no schools/events could be done,

the online platform enabled members to attend functions conducted by other Sections and Adyar. The magazine *Theosophical Thought* dedicated an entire issue to Blavatsky on the occasion of White Lotus Day. The website <teozofskodrustvo.si> has soft copies of all magazines. The general meeting was conducted in April.

Mrs Irena Primc
Organizing Secretary

TOGO

Founded 1997, membership 18 (2020). No report.

Mr Kouma Dakey
Organizing Secretary

URUGUAY

Founded 1925, members 53. Weekly meetings continued online without interruption throughout the year. Members also took part in online global events mostly in Latin America and Spain. A few of the books studied were by Blavatsky, Krishnamurti, Carol Pearson, and so on. Members also watched videos

of Sadhguru, Borja Vilasecas, Emilio Carrillo, Marys Brigitte Champrier, Eckhart Tolle, Mario Sabán, Eric Corbera Mario Alonso Puig, Nazareth Castellanos, and Rudolf Steiner and the Disney movie, *Soul*.

Mrs Emma Ma. de Souza Leal
Organizing Secretary

PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

ASIA, EAST AND SOUTH-EAST

Founded 1990, membership 444. The Agency is made up of 4 Lodges, one each in Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar and Singapore. The Singapore and Myanmar Lodges were initiated by Col. H. S. Olcott, and are among the oldest in the TS world. Website: <theosophyasia.net>

The Nippon Lodge in **Japan**, formed in 1972, has 30 members. They have online monthly webinars. Books published in Japanese were: *The Ocean of Theosophy*, *Light on the Path*, and *The Voice of the Silence*.

The Selangor Lodge in **Malaysia** (formed 1929) was closed from 1 May to

5 September. Meetings were held online and members participated in various international groups events.

The Olcott Lodge in **Myanmar** founded in 1885. No report received for the year.

The **Singapore** Lodge held weekly meetings and study classes at half capacity. The 48th edition of "A Course in Theosophy" was held in June and 11 new members joined. Foundation Day, White Lotus Day, Wesak Day, and Lodge Anniversary Day were celebrated without any food/drink.

Mr Chong Sanne
Presidential Representative

BANGLADESH

Founded 2013, membership 102. There is one Lodge having weekly study circle meetings of different groups based on categories such as Egyptology, Theosophy and Rosicrucianism. Besides the studies and discussions, service activities are done by the Lodge such as distribution

of rice and blankets for people who cannot afford them. Moreover, two books have been published, one on Theosophy and the other on Rosicrucianism. The members practise everyday social work in their jobs.

Mr Subodh Chandra Das
Presidential Representative

BOLIVIA

Founded 1965, membership 56. The new Presidential Representative was appointed in July. Before that the General Assembly was held in October. Various online lectures and talks were delivered organized by the Section. All five Branches and two study centres had online meetings. A new quarterly magazine was launched

in September. TOS has been given a new impetus. It supported two welfare centres, one a home for low-income mothers and their children, and the other a temporary shelter for visitors who come from rural areas for medical treatment.

Ms María Luisa Cabrera Padilla
Presidential Representative

COLOMBIA

Founded 1937, membership 22 (2020). No report.

Mr Antonio Martinez Segura
Presidential Representative

COSTA RICA

Founded 1997, membership 56. The sessions of the four Lodges, given the pandemic condition, were held online though it had to be gradually introduced due to non-familiarity of many members with the technology. It is noteworthy that this did not hold up the sessions. No summer schools, seminars or workshops

were planned during the period. Each of the celebratory days were organized by a different Lodge and all the Lodges participated. Public talks, including international talks, and basic courses were done online.

Mrs Ligia Montiel
Presidential Representative

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Founded 1987, membership 51. Two Lodges and a study group make up the Agency. Multiple batches of the "Introductory Course in Theosophy" were conducted. The "Intermediate Course", Part 1, was also done and Part 2 is in progress. The study of HPBs *Isis Unveiled* and J. Krishnamurti's *At the Feet of the Master* was completed and HPB's *The*

Key to Theosophy is in progress during the weekly sessions. Face-to-face meetings are planned from October 2021. There were also conferences on "The Fathers of Humanity" in April and "An Approach to Consciousness According to Science and Theosophy" in July.

Mrs Magaly Polanco
Presidential Representative

HUNGARY

Founded 1907, membership 29. Due to the passing away of János Szabari, the former Presidential Representative, an extraordinary general assembly meeting was held to elect the new person. A regular meeting was conducted in the autumn. The one Lodge has about 2/3 of the membership and the rest are unattached. A member has started promoting Theosophy in neighboring Slovakia. All 14

public lectures were given online. White Lotus Day was also celebrated this way. A YouTube channel, "Hidden Side of Our World", is maintained with over 100 videos and 2000 registered viewers. Addition of more videos is in progress. Publicity for programs and events is done through Facebook. The translation of *At the Feet of the Master* was published and John Sells *Practical Spirituality*

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is planned to be published next year. Two new books published were *The Key to Theosophy* and *Self-Transformation*. A total of 37 theosophical books are available in Hungarian. A new website

has been set up with 170 downloadable translations of theosophical literature.

Ms Adrienne Nagyiday
Presidential Representative

PAKISTAN

Founded 1948, membership not available. The TS work is going on well in Karachi city. The TOS is working in full swing. They support the nursing training supported by UN. The Jamshed Memorial School functions in the TS building in the mornings, with classes from Montessori to Class 5 with about 600 students. The Minwalla Montessori Institute for training underprivileged teachers functions there in the afternoons. Schools with grant from

TS in New Zealand, Australia and other donors are functioning well. Teachers impart Montessori Training to underprivileged at home. Jamshed Memorial Library is open for children and the general public. Members meetings are online. Two senior members passed to eternal light. The 150th birth anniversary of Dr Maria Montessori was celebrated.

Mr Bhagwan Bharvani
Presidential Representative

PERU

Founded 1924, membership 30. The two Lodges together had seventeen online public talks during the year. They also offered two courses online: "Basics of Esoteric Philosophy" during February to April and "Basic Course of Theosophy" in March. Lodge meetings were also online throughout the year. There is a meditation group which held eight meet-

ings during the year. In addition, frequent attenders of public meetings (called sympathizers) were invited for separate meetings for more interaction and eventually 70% of them became new members. Foundation Day, Adyar Day, and White Lotus Day were celebrated as usual.

Mr Julio Gerardo Pomar
Presidential Representative

PUERTO RICO

Founded 1925, membership 49. Some of the three Lodges have resumed physical meetings while the online mode is still being used. In October, the Agency participated in the seminar, "Seek Your Refuge Only in the Eternal", as part of the Magna School of Theosophy's work for the Spanish-speaking community

in the Americas. Regular Lodge work has been going on and recent study topics include *The Mahatma Letters* and I. K. Taimnis, *Self-Culture*. The TS building is under repair and the library is being organized.

Mrs Magaly Polanco
Presidential Representative

RUSSIA

Founded 2013, membership 173. TS in Russia has held 52 online meetings over the past year, 9 of them were attended by international TS speakers. A weekly meditation course began its work in September 2020. The National Congress was held together with the help of Brazilian theosophists. It was the first and very successful experience of cooperation in such a big event. The annual All-Russian Conference was held in the spring of 2021. During this year, nine round tables on theosophical topics were held with offline and online participants. The translated Russian version of *The Theosophist* continues. Every Sunday there is a webinar on *The*

Secret Doctrine by H. P. Blavatsky. Nine theosophical books were published in Russian. For the first time the School of the Wisdom was held with Greek theosophists. The summer meeting, themed “The Path of Discipleship”, was organized with the help of Ukrainian and Indian theosophists and with international TS speakers from India. The Siberian Theosophical Center in Makarevka gathers theosophists for its seminars twice a year. Social networks are developing. There are weekly online meetings on organizational subjects, which are opened for all members of TS in Russia.

Mr Alexey Besputin
Presidential Representative

SRI LANKA

Founded 1926, membership 182 (2015). No report.

Mr D. A. L. Wanigasekera
Presidential Representative

SWITZERLAND

Founded 1910, membership 33. The group meetings continued regularly, some weekly and some monthly. The activities were not affected and no member felt isolated without communication during the Covid-19 related lockdown period, due to the usage of online meeting tools in all the three languages. The European seminar was held online and the lectures are available on the Italian Youtube channel in collaboration with

the European Federation and Italy. The activity in the Italian part of Switzerland is now stable and consolidated, the one in the German part is expanding, and the request of some participants to create a group for Lausanne/Geneva bodes well. Face-to-face meetings have resumed in some groups and weekly headquarters meetings are also expected soon.

Mr Andrea Biasca-Caroni
Presidential Representative

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VENEZUELA

Founded 1953, membership 16. The two Lodges celebrated Foundation Day and White Lotus Day. The members meet for 2 hours every Sunday at 11 am. They studied *Talks on the Path of Occultism* (a commentary on *At the Feet of the Master*), *The Eternal Wisdom of Life* by Clara Codd,

The Theosophical Movement by K. Parvathi Kumar, *Study and Reflection on Compassion* Katherine Beechey, and so on. They also had a seminar on "The Divine Pymander" by Martin Leiderman.

Mrs Nelly Nouel
Presidential Representative

LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

KHANA WARA LODGE (BOLIVIA)

Membership 25. The Lodge celebrated Foundation (17 November), Adyar (17 February), and White Lotus (8 May) Days. The Lodge meetings were on Wednesdays and Thursdays, every

week. The activities included meditation and members talks on various theological subjects.

Dora Camacho
Lodge President

LOTUS LODGE (CROATIA)

Membership 14. Lodge meetings have been taking place weekly. A member has been working on the translation of articles and books into Croatian. Recently translated books are *Thought-Forms* by A. Besant and C. W. Leadbeater, *Life's*

Deeper Aspects by N. Sri Ram, and *The Secret of Self-Realization* by I. K. Taimni. *Self-Culture* of I. K. Taimni is undergoing translation now.

Mr Ninoslav Volaj
Lodge Secretary

ARC-EN-CIEL AND ANANDA LODGES (FRANCE)

Membership 30. The two Lodges have a study centre. Adyar Day and White Lotus Day were celebrated jointly. The Presidents and other officers were re-elected in January. The members continued to study the same books from the previous year. The study centre organized conferences on "The Influence

of Theosophy on Art", "Impact of Theosophical Ideas in the Contemporary World", and so on. A new book, *The Theosophical Society, Its Rites, Its Founders, Its History*, was published in French.

Mr Jean Iozia and Mrs Brigitte Iozia
Lodge Presidents

COVENANT LODGE (ISRAEL)

Membership 69. Weekly study sessions for members, weekly public meetings, and monthly public lectures continued as in earlier years, all online. Monthly *Secret Doctrine* study sessions were also in progress. Two public workshops, "Expression of the Soul through

Language", and "Learning to Help Ourselves" were conducted. The YouTube channel has around 50 videos now, some of them full-length lectures.

Mr Bracha Elron
Lodge President

FRATERNIDAD LODGE (PARAGUAY)

Membership 18. Report in Spanish in protected PDF format.

Sr Blas Osvaldo Añazco Lopez
Lodge President

H. P. BLAVATSKY LODGE (QATAR)

Membership 9 (2017). Due to Covid-19 restrictions from the Government the lodge activities were minimal for the last two years. Only a few members could attend meetings during this period.

It was decided that a rejuvenation programme is needed to add new members and revitalize activities.

Ganesh Shenoy
Coordinator

BLAVATSKY LODGE (SLOVENIA)

Membership 16. Members met twice a week either online or a combination of online and face to face depending on the situation. A comparative study on the nature of the soul is ongoing. Diverse topics come up for discussion which is done on a comparative, non-dogmatic,

and liberal basis. A lot of theosophical lectures available on YouTube from eminent speakers have been subtitled and published for non-English speaking members.

Ms Tatjana Ruzic
Lodge General Secretary

ORLANDO LODGE (USA)

Membership 15. All in-person public programs were suspended since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. A creative adaptation, called Home Lodge study program, was devised to continue the theosophical work. Members “meet mentally” at 8:00 pm on 2 Fridays of each month. Then they communicate via email or conference call for discussions and

questions. Two books, Geoffrey Hodsons *Yoga of Light* and C. Jinarajadasas *First Principles of Theosophy*, provided the material for study and discussion. There were also monthly Healing Circle meetings. A quarterly newsletter was published.

Mr Carl Metzger
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Prof. C. A. Shinde, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Chennai 600 020, India (for 2021, 2022 and 2023)

MINUTES

Theosophical Society General Council Meeting
on 18 and 19 December 2021 via Zoom meeting
both days at 4:30 pm Chennai, 6 am Chicago time

P R E S E N T

Mr Tim Boyd	<i>President; proxy from Deepa Padhi (Vice-President) and Carlos V. Fernández Pérez (Cuba)</i>
Ms Marja Artamaa	<i>Secretary; proxy from Janne Vuononvirta (Finland)</i>
Ms Nancy Secrest	<i>Treasurer</i>
Ms Trăn-Thi-Kim-Diêu	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr Vicente Hao Chin, Jr	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mrs Patrizia Moschin Calvi	<i>Additional Member; proxy from Antonio Girardi (Italy) for 19th December</i>
Mr Marcos de Resende	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr Vinayak Pandya	<i>Additional Member</i>
Prof. C. A. Shinde	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr Narendra Shah	<i>General Secretary, Africa East and Central</i>
Mr Esteban Langlois	<i>General Secretary, Argentina</i>
Mr Stephen McDonald	<i>General Secretary, Australia</i>
Mrs Sabine van Osta	<i>General Secretary, Belgium</i>
Mrs Jenny Baker	<i>General Secretary, England; absent on 19th Dec</i>
Mrs Maxence Ondet	<i>General Secretary, France</i>
Mrs Manuela Kaulich	<i>General Secretary, Germany</i>
Mr Alexandros Bousoulengas	<i>General Secretary, Greece</i>
Mr Jón Ellert Benediktsson	<i>General Secretary, Iceland</i>
Mr Pradeep Gohil	<i>General Secretary, India</i>
Mr Antonio Girardi	<i>General Secretary, Italy; absent on 19th Dec</i>
Mrs Juana Leonor Maldonado Ruíz	<i>General Secretary, Mexico</i>
Mr Wim Leys	<i>General Secretary, the Netherlands</i>
Mr John Vorstermans	<i>General Secretary, New Zealand</i>
Mr Charlton Romero	<i>General Secretary, the Philippines</i>
Mr Carlos Guerra	<i>General Secretary, Portugal; absent on 19th Dec</i>
Mrs Angeles Torra-Buron	<i>General Secretary, Spain</i>
Mrs Svitlana Gavrylenko	<i>General Secretary, Ukraine</i>
Mrs Barbara Hebert	<i>General Secretary, USA</i>

Observers:

Ms Krista Umbjarv	<i>France, Secretary, European Federation</i>
Mr K. Jaikumar	<i>General Manager, Adyar, present on 18 December</i>

The President welcomed those present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2021 via Zoom, having been circulated, were approved with the following correction:

Item 2: workers to be renamed as former employees.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

The Treasurer informed that the number of former employees that have died since the case started is 27 as of this day. She also told that the payments to the former employees have begun.

3. Voting and confirmation of Additional General Council members

The President had nominated the following as additional members to the GC under Rule 2 of the Rules and Regulations for years 2022, 2023, and 2024. The voting results are:

Mrs Linda Oliveira	32 in favour, 0 against
Ms Trăn-Thi-Kim-Diêu	32 in favour, 0 against
Mr Vic Hao Chin, Jr	32 in favour, 0 against

The President declared all three unanimously re-elected as Additional Members of the General Council for 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Trần-Thi-Kim-Diêu expressed her thanks to the President for his trust to us to work together, and to all who voted.

4. Report on the Non-English Publications Fund (NEPF)

The Treasurer reported that on 30 September 2021, the balance of the NEPF account held by the Theosophical Investment Trust under TS in America was \$84,923.

In 2021 two publications were granted for translations into Odia language in one of the Federations of the Indian Section with the amount of Rs.27,300 (which is approximately 360 USD).

5. Report on the International Funds

The Treasurer reported the status of International Funds as of 30 September 2021:

International Funds in USA

a. ABC Fund	\$1,526,000
b. Adyar Renovation Fund	\$15,099

International Funds in Australia

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| a. ABC Fund (w. Endowment Fund) | A\$68,193 |
| b. Adyar Security Fund | A\$6,394 |

International Funds in the Netherlands

Adyar Renovation Fund	€46,321
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6. Report by the President on the Headquarters

The President reported that in August 2021 a 40-year-old labor case against the TS has reached a settlement with the Labor Union. Originally 63 former employees had filed a suit in 1981 just when Radha Burnier first came in as President. 36 are still alive. Payouts have started.

We have 3-4 legal cases that stem from one individual. Another case is that TS has been taxed for water use although we use our own water wells, so we dispute that. The campus has been opened for walkers to come but is not open for daily visitors. Programs onsite have not been held for almost two years.

Construction work has continued. LBC is completed except for furnishing the rooms. There are now 56 rooms plus lounge and office, earlier it was 26 rooms. Old furniture that are like antique have been redone to be used in most of the rooms.

Recent rains in Chennai were severe this year. A lot of roofs have to be readdressed. Electrical needs are lagging. The campus is 256 acres in a city, with over 100 structures on the property in various states of condition. We do not have free laborers like in earlier days when families stayed and worked. Nowadays we have to pay. So the expenses are not going to go down. We outsource things like printing books as we cannot afford new printing machines. Adyar is going to be more and more expensive to operate. This is important to be aware of. We also need to make an inventory of those places which are degrading and possibly will be demolished.

When the pandemic started we had a lot of good things that would have been nice to show during the Convention at that time like the new Archives. There is a new beautifully landscaped and designed garden by the Headquarters. It was donated with ongoing maintenance of the garden by an individual member whose wife loved gardens. His name is Gautam, and his wife's name is Medha Gautam.

7. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021. The report includes the Auditor's opinions and the tax return.

The Government of India has tightened rules for money transfers from abroad to India. All NGOs in India have to open an account in the State Bank of India in Delhi branch through which donations can be sent. TS has opened that account for donations. The fees and dues must be in a different account which we have in the Indian Bank. The bank had confusion about the change of regulations causing money returned to the senders. It has taken a long time to settle, but when all is clear with (or at) the Indian Bank, instructions will be sent to TS Sections and groups.

Danamojo which is the application on the website for donating to various targets of the TS, had as well changed its functionality based on Indian requirements. Now the application requests more documents and a 2-tier acceptance of the transfer which makes this not work well for people abroad. This is a thing that we are working on to find an easier way to donate.

NGOs can only accept 5% anonymous donations per year. TS has to prepare yearly a list of donations with the donors' name, address, and identification. And yearly TS has to send to each donor a report of how much they have donated.

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts were approved unanimously.

8. The Budget for the year ending 31 March 2023

The Treasurer presented the Budget.

A matter of Charitable work and Propagation of Theosophy was discussed, as the charity has a higher budget than the propagation. The majority of charitable work is related to BMAD which is very active and is also bringing in donations. Their expenses are fully covered by the donations that they bring in. Part of those donations goes to capitalization which is not shown in the budget. The importance of propagation was agreed and it needs attention.

It was noted that donations cannot be used for any other designation than which they have been assigned by the donor.

GC approved unanimously the Budget for the year ending 31 March 2023.

9. Appointment of Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2023

M/s Srihari & Co. were unanimously re-appointed as Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2023 on the same terms as before.

B R E A K — Meeting was adjourned after 3.5 hours to 19 December at 4:30 pm India time.

9a. Comments on funds

A comment was given for allocating more funds to propagation, like online programs, free ebooks, publications, international speakers' travel costs, expanded School of the Wisdom, training speakers and workers, modules on Section management etc. This subject can be taken during the planning days.

TS has many funds to which donors have given money. A suggestion for future discussion was raised to have a general rule of how many years we can keep targeted funds that will not be relevant anymore or are non-functional, and what can be done with such funds.

A matter to take at some point in future meetings is the question, of how can we raise the funds for propagation.

10. Appointment of Executive Committee (EC)

The President presented his nominations for the Executive Committee members for 2022. The vote was 29 in favor of the committee members as suggested, none against.

The following were appointed as Executive Committee members for 2022:

Mr Tim Boyd	President (ex-officio)	
	Dr Deepa Padhi	Vice-President (ex-officio)
	Ms Nancy Secrest	Treasurer (ex-officio)
	Ms Marja Artamaa	Secretary (ex-officio)
	Mrs Jenny Baker	General Council Member
	Mr Pradeep Gohil	General Council Member
	Prof. C. A. Shinde	General Council Member
	Mr Jaikumar Kannan	Member
	Mr A. L. Somayaji	Member

11. Damodar Gardens

The President summed up the current situation with the Damodar Gardens.

Damodar Gardens is approximately 14 acres of land, isolated from the main campus, has always been used for schools for 40 years patterns. TS has ordered an evaluation of land in Chennai for educational uses. Then possible candidates were sought and TS negotiated with some but gave up with them. Now we are negotiating with Shiv Nadar Trust (SNT) the head of which is one of the wealthiest men in India. The talks with them started in February 2020. The Term Sheet has been agreed by both parties, TS and SNT, waiting to sign it.

One matter is pending preventing the signing. In 1973 TS sold 19 acres from 33 acres of land and what was left is Damodar Gardens of 14.1 acres. The area has been measured three times by different instances using modern techniques and drones. But somebody in the Recorder's Office wanted to analyze the figures using systems of measurement that went back to the early 1900s when the land was bought. That was prior to the conversion of the metric system, and using those systems he came to a measure of 13.28 acres. Due to this difference, he has delayed the signing. Correcting the mistake in government records is not in our hands and may take a long time.

The highest level of the parties (TS and SNT) has agreed to go ahead and sign at 13.28 acres and contest the remaining less than an acre so that it would be included after we go through the contest process.

This is where we are at the moment.

12. To decide on the World Congress 2025

General Council agreed unanimously to have the 12th World Congress, which is also 150th Anniversary of the TS, in Vancouver, Canada in 2025. The venue will be the University of British Columbia (UBC).

Dates and accommodation reservations must be informed in 2023.

13. Discussion on work around the world

General Secretaries reported the main points from their country. Every Section has faced the same situation by the pandemic since March 2020, not allowing physical meetings in most of the countries. Online sessions using "Zoom" or "Teams" have increased a lot as a form of study and communication, resulting in substantial participation in various language groups. It has made it possible to invite international speakers as traveling is not a hindrance.

The video of the President's Address at the Opening of the Convention on 27 December will report about the countries.

14. Any other business

The President noted that we need at some point to review the TS Rules and Regulations as it is good to review them every seven years.

The School of the Wisdom

The School of the Wisdom has a new Director Erica Georgiades from Greece

who has expanded its activity to different language groups in different places, but the SOW has always been with sponsorship from the Adyar organization. The question is: Is the School of the Wisdom a brand name to be used only for Adyar or can it be used in other places as a program? A couple of places use the name School of Wisdom.

Views were:

- The name is with article 'the': The School of the Wisdom
- The School of the Wisdom has a strong identity with Adyar since its history
- It should be used as a brand in order to know who is behind the program
- The SOW is unique in the theosophical world, let's keep it like that
- The SOW is open for members only to deepen their understanding and to deepen members' connection with Theosophy and its work.

The consensus was that The School of the Wisdom as specific titling for theosophical programming should be reserved for Adyar.

Virtual Groups

The status of virtual theosophical groups is a bit open. They don't have the rights that the physical lodges have. There are points to be considered with this subject:

- Virtual groups do not have the same commitment as physical lodges
- But they give the possibility for members to attend for those who are not near a meeting place
 - We need to be open to seekers and also protect the TS
 - We should look to amend the Rules about how a virtual group reflects the physical lodge; for example, they should have regular meetings at a certain time, membership can be applied after a number of attendances, to have officers like in a lodge, voting rights, etc.
 - We need to think beyond ourselves; how to transfer the ageless wisdom; how to face this newly occurred possibility of communicating keeping it on the theosophical focus and not becoming just a new information centre.

This matter will be discussed at the strategic planning days.

15. Next dates

The next meeting is the strategic planning days at ITC Naarden, the Netherlands, from 9 to 14 June, of which the 9th is the arrival day and the 14th is the departure day. On Saturday 11th June we can take the GC meeting matters.

It was informed that a Youth Gathering will take place at ITC Naarden from 3 to 7 June 2022 before the planning days, for young TS members only.

16. Closing of the meeting

The President appreciated and thanked everyone for the good meeting. The meeting was closed at 8:30 pm India time.

Marja Artamaa
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